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Jan. 22, 1941.

r. Robert E. Speer,
0 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is very rarely that I do not agree with your views and your statement of your views, but while I agreed with you in your general statements at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Church Peace Union on Thursday, the 16th, and while, like yourself, I could not sign the paper which Dr. Atkinson read, because I thought the proposed Conference was impractical, I could not agree with your statement concerning President Wilson, in which you attributed the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the Treaty, which would have carried the United States into the League of Nations, partly to President Wilson's stubbornness and self-will.

I do not know whether you talked with President Wilson concerning the Peace Treaty r not. I had two conversations with him, one in Washington right after the appeal y ex-President Taft, President Lowell and others had been made, and later in Los Angeles, California, on September 20, 1919. President Wilson was then on a speaking tour hich ended in his physical collapse, and spoke at a dinner at the Hotel Alexandria, Los ngeles. I sat as one of the guests of honor (being then the Bishop in charge of our ork in Los Angeles) within a few feet of the President. I never heard him speak with ore earnestness, and more evident sincere conviction. The most important section of the peech was in the following sentences:

"For the first time in the history of civilized soceity a great International Convention, made up of the leadings statesmen of the world, has proposed a settlement which is or the benefit of the weak, and not for the benefit of the strong. It is for the benefit f peoples who could not have liberated themselves, whose weakness had been traded in y every Cabinet in Europe; and yet these very Cabinets, represented at a table in Paris, ere unanimous in the conviction that it was not their right to dispose of the fortunes f people without the consent of those people themselves.--At the front of this great ettlement they put the only thing that will preserve it. You can not set weak people p in independence, and then leave them to be preyed upon. If you have a really humane urpose, and a real knowledge of the conditions of peace in the world, you will have to ay 'This is the settlement and we guarantee its continuance'. There is only one honorble course when you have won a cause, to see that it stays won, and that nobody intereres with, or disturbs the results. That is the purpose of the much discussed Article X. n the Covenant of the League of Nations. *** Under Article X. all the members of the eague engaged to respect and preserve as against external aggression, the territorial ntegrity and existing political independence of the other member states, and if that uarantee is not forthcoming the wh ole structure of peace will crumble.*** The whole reedom of the world not only, but the whole peace of mind of the world depends upon the hoice of America, because without America in this arrangement, the world will not be reassured."

After the address I had the privilege of talking with him for about five minutes. I was greatly impressed by the intensity of his feelings, and his absol ute sincerity in his conviction that the proposed reservations would defeat the very purpose of the Covenant of the League of Nations. He put his finger upon the real issue, whether the United States should withdraw from European affairs and become Isolationist, or whether, having gone into the War to make the world safe for Democracy, that we should accept our responsibility to see that when a War was won that it should stay won. He drew from his ocket, and read the proposed form of reservation with reference to Article X, and said hat if the United States insisted upon such a reservation, that would mean that it refused carry any part of the same responsibility that the other members of the League would arry, and he was absolutely sincere in saying to me that to enter the League of Nations n such a special footing would place our country in almost a cowardly position, and

would minimize our influence for any effective service.

I must say that ~~what~~ the impression made upon me by President Wilson was not that of stubborness or of self-will, but of an intense conviction that the proposed reservation would be fatal to the effectiveness of the League of Nations. He felt that if the United States relieved itself from the obligations of Article X. that the whole idea of an International Police to enforce the decisions of the League would be practically eliminated.

It so happened that beginning with 1918 I was in Europe every summer until 1937, and I was present at the first Assembly of the League of Nations, and at the first day of the Assembly for twelve years. It so happened that Sir Robert Cecil and Prof. Gilbert Murray represented South Africa from time to time. In 1923 (I think it was) I was stopping at the same hotel with Prof. Murray, who had married the daughter of the Countess of Carlisle, and I was fairly intimate with the family, and greatly enjoyed my association with Prof. Murray. He walked with me to the train the night I was leaving for Paris, and said to me, in really solemn tones, "The United States Senate which failed to ratify the Peace Treaty, bringing the United States into the League of Nations, will be obliged to meet a great responsibility at the bar of history. It was President Wilson who brought the Covenant of the League to Paris. It was President Wilson who secured the insertion of the Covenant of the League as part of the Treaty. Having won the War, he wanted America to secure/a permanent peace agency. He gave his life in an effort to secure the cooperation of the other Nations, and the United States in this League of Nations which we now have. He was right in opposing the reservations which were offered. They would have prevented the effective cooperation of the United States with the other Nations in the League. Were the United States a member of the League I should have no fear as to the future, for with Great Britain, the Dominions, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, and, generally, France, joined together the Treaty of Versailles could be suitably modified, and permanent world peace be assured."

I do not know that this letter will in any way change your views about President Wilson. You may have studied the matter very carefully before reaching those ~~xxxx~~ conclusions about President Wilson, but I feel so strongly that he was a martyr to a great cause, and that had his position been ratified by the Senate we would have had no Hitler, or the present War, that I am writing to you thus freely and fully.

With high regard,

Sincerely,

James Cannon Jr.

James Cannon, Jr.

I am sending copy to Dr Atkinson

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Dear Mr. Speer: If I had a million dollars which I at all could spare, I should give it you WITH INEXPRESSIBLE PLEASURE. YOUR WORK DESERVES IT. To "Black OUT the Bible" is to WHITE-LIGHT HELL. PRECISELY WHAT THE WARMAKERS AND WAR-MONGERS, FOREIGN AND AMERICAN, NOW ARE DOING. I have not a million dollars, not even a million cents, I can spare. THE NEW DEAL HAS SEEN TO THAT. Every penny I can spare, and every ounce of wit and energy I can muster, are going out day-by-day against those forces which RIGHT NOW are PUSHING US TOWARD DISASTER.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

January 21, 1941

With high respect and with affection, I am,

Sincerely,

Edward Price Bell

EDWARD PRICE BELL

Mr. Edward Price Bell
Merrywood
Gulfport, Miss.

The Reverend Doctor
Robert Elliott
Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bell:

During the critical days through which our world is now passing there must be no blackout of the Bible anywhere. It is the one Book that brings an eternally valid message of comfort, hope, and both national and personal guidance. But it cannot bring its message unless it is in men's hands.

War is ravaging the lands which support the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Bible Society of Scotland, and the historic Netherlands Bible Society. Alone among the large Bible Societies the American Bible Society operates freely -- the only one unfettered by the bonds of war. The folder enclosed tells why our Society must secure at least $150,000 at once to begin an urgent emergency service.

To raise such a fund in times like these will not be easy. In order that this may be done the cooperation and support of all Christian people must be cheerfully given. So pressing are the needs that every member of the Society's staff in the United States has made a contribution in order that Scriptures may immediately be sent to war prisoners and refugees.

As one interested in the progress of the whole Christian enterprise you are earnestly requested to give generously to this Emergency Fund. An envelope for your convenience is enclosed.

Cordially yours,

Robert E. Speer

Robert E. Speer

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February 10, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

Your letter of January 17th has been on my desk for some weeks. About the time it came I thought I had gotten practically over the trouble that I had had for a month previous to that but unfortunately I got a relapse which put me to bed for another ten days. Perhaps the cause of my relapse was that they were giving me a series of X-ray treatments which I had taken daily for eight days. Evidently that proved to be more than I could stand. My heart began to behave in a most irregular sort of fashion and the only thing to do was to go to bed. I have not yet gotten my strength back but it is coming daily and I am very glad and thankful to be around again.

One of the things I had in mind all the time I was laid up was the reorganization here in the East of the old Laymen's Missionary Movement. At the meeting which I had hoped that you, Do Mott and some others might attend on the 19th of December they appointed Dr. Schieffelin and myself to interview John Foster Dulles in the hope that we might get him to become Chairman of the reorganized Movement. We never were able to get to him but through Roswell Barnes and George Richards we learned that he could not possibly think of undertaking it in view of two very important pieces of work which he had undertaken for the Federal Council of Churches and he is likely, I understand, to be part of a Commission going to Japan at an early date so that we have given up that thought. We are now thinking of Mr. Harper Sibley as a man prominently known in the country and interested in the missionary cause.

We were not able to secure Dr. Judd as secretary which we had hoped to do and we are still looking for somebody for that important position. While I was at home turning things over in my mind it occurred to

me that perhaps Emory Ross, the new Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference, whom you know somewhat I think, might for the time being take on the secretaryship of the Laymen's Missionary Movement along with the Foreign Missions Conference work and help us to get the thing organized and do some running around regarding it that I could not do and that there is nobody else to do that I know of. This is just a passing thought. I do not know whether it would meet with the approval of the little Executive Committee group that got together on December 19th to plan matters. Ross is a very active chap and a very good organizer. It was he who arranged, as you know, for that missionary convocation which we had last spring.

I would be very glad to get any suggestions that may come to you with regard to the reorganizing of this Laymen's Movement. It certainly was never more needed than it is to-day. Who is there among all the men you know in New York or vicinity that would be the right man for chairman and also do you think of the right sort of man for secretary?

You know, I think, that when Dr. Compton was here some couple of months ago or more he openly said that he thought that the headquarters of the Laymen's Missionary Movement ought to be back in New York, and our friend Michel wants to resign when the proper time comes so that the way would be open for us to set up a real Laymen's Missionary Movement again.

I hope that Mrs. Speer, and you, and your family have kept well through these recent weeks when there has been so much sickness.

With very warm regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Speer

Sibley

Harold Hoskins

Dewitt Wallace

Alfred Aldrich

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J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

REVEREND CHARLES E. GUICE, D. D., Minister

McCOMB, MISS.

February 10, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

At the recent meeting of the McComb Ministers' Association we indulged in a general discussion of the Preaching Mission. All of the ministers expressed not only their great appreciation for the inspiring messages you brought to them, but also their high regard for you.

I was asked by unanimous vote to express the thanks of the entire group for your coming to McComb, for the inspiration and help you gave the ministers, and for what you meant to our community. We thank God for your coming and pray for His richest blessings upon you.

There is no way for me personally to tell you how much it meant to me to hear you during the days that you were here and to be associated with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

Chas. E. Guice

CEG.sv

First Presbyterian Church
SEVENTH AND BOSTON
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

REV. C. W. KERR, Pastor

February 15, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert:

It was certainly a sight for sore eyes to receive your kind letter. Mrs. Kerr has been reading my mail to me and, not being accustomed to good writing, she stumbled over some of the words in yours! But I didn't have any trouble reading it as I am familiar with the hand-writing of preachers like Dr. Hawley of Park College and others!

It has been very difficult for Mrs. Kerr and me to adjust our thinking to what life will be like after the first of April but we are going to make the best of it. I believe the Lord has something in store for us. I do believe it was a wise step to take for the sake of the church and for my physical condition.

You will never know what an inspiration you have been to me in my ministry through these many years. God bless you, Robert. May the Lord spare you in strength for many years to come.

I am slowly recovering from the attack of arthritis and expect to be in my pulpit again tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

CWKerr

CWK:M

3215 College Ave.
Beaver Falls, Pa.
Feb. 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer,

Jonah, very likely, had children, He was afraid for the youth of Israel?

Sincerely
Ruth Lumbull

This paper should be calibrated

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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r. Robert E. Speer,
are Dr. J.M.Alexander
09 Anderson Street
ayetteville N.C.

ear Doctor:-

gain I thank you for myself and for our Church and Community
or the great good you have done and for the inspiration of
our presence in the city and in this church.

t is a rich benediction that will abide,that in God's good
rovidence you have been our friend and counselor for God
hrough these days.

Next time you come I trust that you may bring Mrs. Speer* with
ou. In the meantime,may the Lord continue to richly bless you
in your ministry at Fayetteville and all other appointments.

I shall appreciate it if you will give my personal regards and
best wishes to my dear friend,John Alexander.

Yours most sincerely,

Roswell Long

Roswell C. Long

* Otherwise you need not come!

Dear Dr Speer:- 1-1-41

Kindly note Winston Churchill's words on the unpaid war 1917-18 "If America had stayed out of the war & minded her own business none of these 'isms' would at present be sweeping the Continent of Europe & breaking down parliamentary government."

Yours truly

C. Stewart Peterson

Box 463 Baltimore Md

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REV. JOHN M. ALEXANDER
209 ANDERSON STREET
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

March 8, 1941.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Speer,

I am sure that you are anxious to get further news of Dr. Speer's condition.

He insisted on preaching last night, and I have never heard him when he was in better voice. The message was warm and vibrant and there was not the slightest hitch in its delivery. I took him to the train this noon to go on to Georgetown. He seemed in perfect condition again and would have carried his heavy suitaase had I not taken it and given it to a red cap.

It is his firm conviction that this was just a lapse of memory such as he had on one or two former occasions. I wish I were so sure.

The first indication that anything was wrong was when he repeated an illustration. Then as he was developing the meaning of the word "Master" as contained in the third New Testament word so translated, he repeated several times, and then stopped. Not being able to recall the rest of that he started on the fourth word. By that time I saw that he had turned pale and I went to his side and asked him if he were ill. He insisted that he was not and tried to go on.

By this time he was gripping the pulpit and may have fallen had not two of us helped him back to his chair. By that time he was ashen white, his hands were cold, and he was so rigid he could hardly sit down. I am sure that he was dizzy. However he never lost consciousness and he quite revived after a dose of spirits of ammonia.

Doctors had come to the church and had taken his pulse and blood pressure. The pressure was low, but not alarmingly so. After he revived he wanted to walk to the hotel two blocks away, but one of our physicians, Dr. McFadyen, drove by in his car and asked him to get in. He took him to his office and made a more careful examination. Dr. Speer discouraged any efforts to get Dr. Rainey to see him.

REV. JOHN M. ALEXANDER
209 ANDERSON STREET
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

The physicians who examined him seem convinced that there is some heart involvement. How serious this may be could not be discovered under the circumstances. We all hope it is slight, but there is a chance it may be more serious than it appears. It is for that reason that I am writing you at length.

I hope you can get him to have a thorough check-up as soon as possible. He should not carry that heavy suitcase.

All in my family love Dr. Speer. It is this affection that leads me to presume to write as I have.

May God bless and preserve all of you and yours. We are praying His care over your son-in-law in Britain.

Most cordially yours,

John M. Alexander

Please return all
Thes. to EBB

217 S. Div. St.

Stevens Point, Wisc., March 10,1941.

Robert E. Spear. D.D.

Lakeville, conn.

My dear Doctor:

Your letter containing "There must be no blac_kout of the Bible" came to hand. The purpose of your letter is most commendable. But the title suggests another blackout which I have very recently learned of, namely that the sale of Bibles in this country to the public has recently slumpted seriously. This information comes not in any round-about way but from the publishers themselves. This constitutes an extraordinarily serious situation. I have read that the Gideons have bought and gi en out 250,000 copies of the Bible. but such gifts does not mean any great amount of reading of the Bible. What counts is when individuals purchase witthe purpose of reading. An eminent writer said a good many years ago that the Bible was the most widely found but least read book in the world. Even this could not be said now.

If one listens to speakers for a number of years past he is forced to the conclusion that the Bible is exercising a very limited influence on great masses of Americans. Pastors spend much of their time in defending Christianity instead of preaching it. Will Durant in the Saturday Evening Post wrote on "The Crisis in Christianity". He seemed to regreat making the statements he did, but his was the talk of a man impressed with the weakness of the presentation of the Chirstian case. Writers on religious education blame the home, the school, the public. the World War, the movies, and many other influences but it never has occurred to any of them that they should blame themselves. The fact is that Protestant Religious Education is and has been scandblously weak. Think of a subject like religion and morals

1/50 as much time as is taken by secular education, or 1/7 as much time as Catholics devote to it, and vastly less than 1/7 as much money as they spend on it. Think of a study that has 167 1/2 hours between lessons. The cost of Protestant religious education is extremely small, since in most cases the church building is used, officers and teachers give their services without pay, the textbooks are mere pamphlets thrown away when used and often long before, and which all told contain only a very small part of the Bible matter. Then the great body of teachers are more or less untrained,, attendance on the part of both teachers and pupils is irregular, often very irregular . Graduates of sunday schools have little more than a kindergarten knowledge of the Bible and their lieves and interests show this . I recently heard the pastor of a strong Presbyterian church in a suburb of Philadelphia say to a full congregation made up of an excellent proportion of men that his members did not know what Prescyterianism meant nor what what Christianity itself meant, though they were all well educated people. I was amazed at his saying it, butI thought he knew from experience what he was talking about.

How could all this happen ?Well it would seem that our Sunday Schools just grew like Topsy. It grew along the lines of least resistance. And once in existence it was taken for granted that whatever is is right. Also all this is in the face of the fact that Protestants, Presbyterians prominent in the list, are the best givers to benevolences in the world.

Why is it that the mass of Chritians have no more than a kindergarten knowledge of Chritianity, why is it that there are so few militant Chritians that will fight against the evils in politics,in business, in social life, they see all around them ? W ell the education they got in the Sunday School was so unsatisfactory that they dropped out of Sunday School at the very time the public school had prepared them

to read the Bible through and study its doctrines, and the history of the Christian church.. It was the Catholic Priests that straightned out the movies and not the Protestants.. W hy have we party machines that run the politics of most of our large cities ? Certainly no militant Christaintty would stand for it. Even the President of the united States used these machines in the last election. Why is it that selfishness is controlling the votes of many millions of voters .

I have been a teacher and am now retired having taught 55 years. I was connected with the school, State Teachers College located here for 43 years and have been out of work now for 4 years. I have been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. I enclose as evidence that I am not in my dotage a circular of a book I finished a year ago which is calculated to show that the secular school has serious weaknesses. In a Teachers College I naturally had my attention drawin to methods of instruction and into my hands came an Illinois School Journal which pointed out that graduates of the Sunday School knew little of the Boble, its stories, teachings, and moral lessons. Though I had been teaching for a quarter of a century in bothh school aand Sunday school, for some reason I had not thought much aboutthe weakness of the Sunday School . Once I negaan thinking about the matter I thought I saw what was the matter. In Mach 1909 an article of mine covering this subject was published in the Educational Review, then edited by Nicholas Murray Butler. The Literary Digest gave a page review of the article and the Christian Herald devoted three pages to attacking it. I was greatly puzzled over this last till I finally concluded that the Herald looked upon the Sunday school merely as a device to hold children in line ~~coul~~ till they could be converted and that solved the whole problem of Christian living. In myaartivle I declared if the methods and matter of Sunday School work were not greatly impvovd

the church itself and the country would pay a terrible price for its mistake. Though I am neither a prophet nor the sone of a prophet it seemed plain to me what would happen if great improvement were not made. Education is self activity on the part of learners and that is what our prtestant relgigous education fails to get out of learners.. That is why persons know so little about the bBible. They never put any work on learning it. Teacher telling is the poorest form of instruction. It gives a generalization without either induction or deduction.

But I did not stop with finding fault . I selected a course of study dividing the whole Bible into 36 reading lessons, and indicating omissions of unimportant parts. I called for pupils reproducing whhat they read and memorizing the most important texts. This course was followed by a study of doctrines using a concordance for guidance and cross references to add to it. The whole was offered to the A.J. Holman Co. who published it in editions of the Bible.

The Boards were offered this course or urged to write one like it. It was sent to a dozen Boards and only one acknowledged receipt of my letter. Now I always get letters from business houses when I know they have nothing to gain by so doing. It seemed to me this discourtesy was about as unchristian as anything could be.

I sent out 3000 letters to pastors ofeering churches the use of such a course for some of their classes. But the churches seemed to be wedded to the pamphlets so that the response was negligible.

The point is if you do not train pupils how to read the Bible and have them actually read the book, they are quite sure never to form the habit of reading it. There is sound psychology in this view. Dr. Clarke of Nashville, Tenn. published my views of religious edction in his paper. No response. I got our Winnebago Presbytery to memorialize the General Assembly a couple years ago to use the Bible as a

the General Assembly to put the Bible in as a regualr text in the Sun - day School. I learned afterwards the subject was considered in the Assembly and it was reported that the topic would be looked into. I think nothing came of it.

Now it might seem that I am praising myself for what I did. But from the standpoint of getting results I have been a most miserable failure, and of course I feel that way about it. Under the circumstances I can see no reason why I should have any sense of satisfaction other than that I satified my won conscience.

When I was in he East recently I noted the Philadelphia papers talked of a movement to awaken the church. Stanley Jones was the first speaker. Now it seems to me that the reform of religion and religious education must come from the bottom up and not from the top down.

Of one thing I am sure. The Fundamentalists must give up their stand that everyone must come to have their view of the Bible . What they need to learn is to allow others to have what views they care to accept . The skeptics base their argument on the Fundamentalist position that if they can find one thing wrong with the Biblical narrative, the whole falls to the tround, - a most irrational view.

The public generally thinks it must accept the Fundamentalist view if they are to be Christians, and refuses to become Christians on this basis. I think I am right in saying few know of the modernist view. I read in the papers that nearly all the Episcopal clergy are modernists but say nothing or little about thier position. Pronably that is true of a great number of the Protestant clergy. But we will have an impasse in Christianity so long as the modernist view is not publicized. There has been a great slump from the dchurch since the Dayton Trial in 1925. Why ? Because the people know so little about the Bible that they thought the skeptics must be in the right. Here was a great religion that had affected the lives of billions, that raised civilizztion to its highest pitch, that had hundreds of millions w educated

members all over the world, should be considered to have lost all of its good qualities because forsooth it seemed to have been bested in the Daton Trial ! Only utter ignorance of Christianity explains why millions of persons lost their interest in religion after that trial.. Unquestionably our present civilization has much that is good in it but most is a carry over from earlier times.

From my point of view the home as it exists today is the product of a weak religious education. I am informed by those who ought to know that the secular school as it exists today has grave elements of weakness in it. Youth does not want to get hard lessons, wants things made easy. That is not progress; it is retrogression. Teachers as well as pupils are affected by the same tendency. All this dan come from a weak religious education.

It seems to me very strange that no religious leaders are coming forward who know what is the matter with the church and its educatpm. I see no great hope for the immediate future until such leaders do appear. The so-called new Osford Movement is a weak reed.

It is hard to make and keep the world Christian. That is plain from what we see in Europe today, and we see what happens when it sections or peoples lose their faith in Christianity and adopt the doctrine of Noetzsche. People blame the Versailles treaty for what has happened. But Hitler would have succeeded without it in trying to make Germany a superstate by one crook or another.

I am sure Christianity will come into its own in the process of time. But a vast amount of suffering may be avoided if that time comes soon.

The blackout of the Bible seems to me a situation of the whole people rather than those dislocated from their usual pursuits.

Do you not think I may be right in my contention ?

Very sincerely yours

Jos. V. Collins

Jos.V.Collins

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In reading over the foregoing I find I have omitted the plan proposed in the article of 1909. A three hour session was called for on Sunday morning.(Why not ?) The state gives the church all day Sunday and the church does not use it. The best qualified teachers available should be hired and paid well for doing the teaching. One of these teachers should be assigned to theevangelistic work. The Bible itself including maps, dictionary and concordance whould be used for classes far enough along to read it readily. Graduates of this Sunday School should know the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and be militant Christians.. Notice Saturday is a day of rest in this plan.

Since writing the foregoing the papers have been talking of the Gideon project to give every soldier a Bible. But will these Bibles be read by those who have never formed any Bible reading habit? Will the soldiers know how to read their Bibles intelligently ? Will they not need guidance.

An explanation of the typig is due the reader. I have not had central vision in either eye for over a quarter of a century. I do not see what I write and must correct sheets after they are taken out of the machine and this correcting is likely to overlook numberous unintentional errors.

(Reprinted from March, 1925 "EDUCATION".

Religious Education—A New Start

JOSEPH V. COLLINS, STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN.

IT is said on good authority that twenty-seven millions in this country are today receiving no religious instruction. With this statement may be coupled an equally shocking one, namely that those who are in Sunday School are getting religious education of a most superficial and unsatisfactory character. Probably one of the principal reasons why the twenty-seven millions are not seeking this education is because of its inferiority.

Now the weakness in present-day religious instruction is not found in the Helps provided by our various Boards; it is not found in a lack of the spirit of service on the part of the workers, or of indifference on the part of pastors and church authorities; the trouble does not lie in the unwillingness of the church to provide the funds needed to procure religious instruction for both old and young; neither does it lie in the fact that we do not have workers enough; finally the trouble with religious education is not due to the worldiness of the masses, but the worldiness of the masses is largely due to the present form of religious instruction!

Look at present nation-wide condition. Bandits, kidnapers, profiteers of all sorts, lawbreakers of many species, and proletarian radicals are on every hand. Society, almost wholly bent on pleasure, soon becomes sated with each new interest and is constantly demanding something more outrageous. All this shows just one thing. Secular education even with its thousands of facets reflecting our Christian civilization is failing on the moral side. The fact is that the hope of the nation lies in effective religious education. But our religious education stands today where it stood sixty years ago as regards two main features—organization and time given to Bible study. The nation's house is on fire and we are using the bucket brigade to put the fire out!

The state gives the church one day in seven for religion and the church takes about twenty minutes of this time (allowing for losses) for study of Bible truths, the teaching being mostly of the weak didactic form at that. These study periods are separated by 167 2/3 hours intervals. No wonder there is lack of continuity in the work and a dearth of results. What is needed, what is essential, is a half day (3 hour) session conducted along the lines of the secular school, with a relatively small number of far better trained teachers in charge. The evangelistic side of the instruction by this plan can be looked after by the ablest workers in the church reaching all of the members of schools. In such Sunday Schools the studying necessary would be done *in school* and with the powerful incentive that all the other pupils were studying at the same time. Thus the present difficulty of getting the children to study their lessons would be done away with, to the great relief of all concerned. Sundays so spent would no longer be the bug-bear they often have been in the past.

If the Sunday School were organized and conducted as it should be the state might easily be induced to make attendance on it compulsory for all children except those whose parents reported themselves as "conscientious objectors.' The nation's leaders see the dire need of this education and could persuade the country of the absolute necessity of securing it. But we may be sure the state will never make compulsory attendance on so inferior an institution as the present-day Sunday School.

The obligation to improve religious education should weigh very heavily on the consciences of leaders of the Protestant churches. Both the future of the country and the future of the church itself depend on prompt and wise action. People who have not been trained in a knowledge of religious truth and the Bible will not attend church. They cannot understand and appreciate its services nor will they see the need of sending their children to Sunday School. There is another and highly suggestive side of this question. If the Protestant church could show the Catholics that a satisfactory solution of the problem of religious education can be secured by using

half of Sunday to acquire it, then the Catholic Church might see its way clear to giving up its parochial system. It must be apparent to all that taxing Catholics for the support of the public schools when they send their children to their own self-supported parochial system works a great injustice. Two wrongs do not make a right. By logic's law of the excluded middle there should be a third right thing which could be substituted for the two wrongs.

It looks very much as though the teachers of America would have to use their knowledge and influence to convince the church that education is self-activity and that any education of whatever kind to be worth while must be paid for in time and effort by the learners. Not a few clergymen fatuously believe the mere reading of the Bible in the public schools would solve the problem of religious education. Such people are hopeless; but there must be tens of thousands of forward-looking and sensible religious leaders in this land who could be persuaded that a whole new start in religious education is essential, and who if they could be convinced of this need would have the initiative to take the steps necessary to remedy the present impossible situation. Reader, will you not try to lay the case before your friends interested in religious education and appeal to them to make *this new start.*

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A STUDY OF THE ESSENTIAL MEANINGS OF

ENGLISH WORDS OF LATIN AND GREEK ORIGIN

By Joseph V. Collins, Ph. D.

Obviously the title at the top carries a large order, accounted for by noting that a clear knowledge of the meaning of words is basic in reading, and reading is basic in education.

Our children learn Anglo-Saxon and like words at their mother's knees, as did Roman and Greek children learn the words we use from their language (like **fer** = carry, and **crac** = rule), whose meanings are unknown to us after centuries of their employment. This ignorance is a great handicap, especially in education and science.

THIS STUDY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY AUTHORS AND MANY TEACHERS

Because of grave difficulties met in learning this subject, authors and teachers commonly content themselves by giving illustrations of the advantage gained from this study. But doing this is utterly inadequate for the purpose. Hundreds of words must be separated into their parts, and the meanings obtained put together again to make definitions of them. Studied in the right way, using the three Tables of Prefixes, Suffixes and Stems, the desired end can be attained, and that in a comparatively short time.

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THE ANALYSIS OF WORDS GREATLY SIMPLIFIED

Only stems of English words and their meanings expressed in Anglo-Saxon words are brought into this study, no foreign words appearing. As a consequence no preliminary knowledge whatever of Latin and Greek is needed. The author started this study because he found students generally, though they were acquainted with words taken as a whole, did not know the meaning of their parts, though they had met these parts literally hundreds of thousands of times in reading and speech.

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Great numbers of readers meet so many words whose meaning they do not know or only vaguely grasp, that they become discouraged, and limit their reading to low grade matter, and never acquire the reading habit. College students called on by their professors to read many books, have no time to look up the meaning of strange words, and so guess at their signification from the context. Doing this deadens thinking, and leads to the habit of guessing. The unknown words are almost always from the Latin and Greek, largely used by scholarly writers. Here is a dire need for strengthening education. That need is met by this study. For example, the Latin stem **duc** meaning **lead** is met in more than six score words, and the Greek stem **graph,** meaning **write,** in many scores of words. If the learner knows the meaning of a stem in any one word, he has the key to unlock the meaning of each of the others in its set.

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Expose:—. ex= pos= Pic.M.:

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FUKIAI KU, KOBE.

March 22, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

As you have doubtless heard, Dr. Hirochi Tada, is about to embark for America as the leader of a Christian Goodwill party. He will be accompanied by Miss Michi Kawai and other prominent leaders. I believe Dr. Tada's motives in undertaking this mission are sincere and right and that he may be trusted to make a real contribution in strengthening the bonds of fellowship which bind our churches together. Dr. Tada has long desired to pay a visit to America and renew his contact with many American friends, among whom he has especially mentioned you. As you perhaps know, he was ready to attend both the Lakeville Conference and the Centennial Anniversary Celebration of our Board. But owing to certain unfortunate circumstances the Board failed to issue the invitations in time. It is for this reason, among others, that we are eager that there shall be no failure to give him a real welcome. As you know, he has always been a real friend to missionaries and has given himself without stint in these latter days on our behalf. This is especially remarkable when one takes into account the fact that he is no longer a young man, having served the one Church for about forty five years. He has just been here attending a meeting of the Board of Directors of our Seminary and thus I know personally how much this visit to America means to him. I know that you will do all in your power to help make it a most pleasant and profitable one for the Cause, which is greatly on his heart.

In spite of the fact that the majority of the members of most Missions have already withdrawn from the Japan field, I see no reason for doing so. The opportunities for service are more abundant in some ways than ever and our Japanese brethren are urging us to continue. In fact our fellowship with the Church and the Christians continues warm and sympathetic and while for certain reasons we do not pose as leaders in name, the actualities of the opportunties for real service remain the same. Owing to the withdrawal of the members of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission to Koreans in Japan, I have been obliged to act as their representative on the joint committee of the Japanese Church which administers this work. The personnel includes both Japanese and Koreans. After a member of our Chosen Mission had seen this Committee in operation, he made this observation: "If we had had such a Committee in Korea, I believe that many of our difficulties could have been avoided." While the administration of our Seminary here is Japanese, I am still teaching full-time and carrying most of the Old Testament work. Present prospects indicate that we shall have one of the largest entering classes in years when the new term opens in April. The work which we opened in East Kobe a few years ago has now reached church status and being blessed in many ways. Bible classes, preaching & personal work, pulpit supply at the Union Church, work for European refugees, etc all afford additional opportunities.

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I mention these things, not to boast, but only to indicate that there are still plenty of open doors in Japan.

I have shared the Life of George Bowen with a number of friends and we have all greatly profit~~t~~ed from the reading of this grea book. Again hearty thanks for it.

In accordance with the urgent advice of our Board, Katharine an the children have withdrawn are now living in Berkeley, California.

With warmest regards,

Affectionately yours

Gordon R. Chapman

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1615 Patterson Ave.,
Roanoke, Va.
March 25, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Hotel Roanoke,
Roanoke, Va.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I remember with a great deal of pleasure your visit to Va. when you preached at our church (First Presbyterian) and I am so glad to know you will be in Roanoke again.

I am a semi-invalid just recovering from pneumonia and can not attend your services regularly but will get all I can from the radio and newspapers.

I am trying to find the compiler of enclosed selection and so far have been unsuccessful, so I am appealing to you. Can you not from your vast store of knowledge help me?

Thanking you in advance I am

Very truly,
Nannie E. Dunton.

Roanoke, Virginia,
March 25, 1941.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am a Christian. The Spirit of Truth testifies along with my own spirit that I am a son of God but, even so, I desire to be absolutely honest intellectually. I am not altogether ignorant of un-Systematic Theology (Christology?) but cannot accept many of its premises. That bothers me a good deal. I am convinced moreover that even the Pauline metaphysic is antiquated for the most part.)

In spite of all this ~~He~~, God by ~~the~~ His Holy Spirit through the revelation of Jesus Christ has called me unmistakeably to preach the good tidings of His Reign. What, sir, shall I do? Forget it? But that I cannot do. The Hound of Heaven would track me to my Nemesis.

I submitted to the transforming grace of God in Jesus Christ in the summer of 1936, and joined a local Baptist church, but I did not belong to it. My Christian experience had not become clearly defined until recently, at which time I joined the Methodist Church (November 1940) & have the indubitable witness of the Spirit that I have chosen aright.

Problem: As much as my connection has been Methodist for only four months I am hesitant about mentioning a thing so sacred as the call of God to the authorities of my Church who barely know me. But I must do something about it if I would escape the alleged fate of a prophet to Nineve.

Pray for me,
W. Dwight Lick
1205 Chapman Ave. S.W.

Roanoke, Virginia,
March 10, 1941.

To
The ALCOHOLIC ~~BOARD~~ Beverage CONTROL Board
Richmond, Virginia.
Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that Nicholas J. Angela and M. C. Assaid have applied to you for license to sell alcoholic beverages on and off the premises at 1201 Patterson Ave. this city. THEREFORE we, the undersigned citizens and tax paye in the immediate vicinity of this location do pray you conside our strong protest, together with like protests from the WEST END METHODIST church and the WEST END PRESBYTERIAN church most of whose members (not on this petition) are likewise citizens and tax payers in this immediate vicinity. We beg you consider our right to preserve peace and quiet in our homes and our rig to protect the sale value of our residential property. We feel that a denial of this license as applied for need not inconvenience anyone wanting ABC supplies, because they can be served by other places not far away.

Respectfully submitted:

(NAME) (STREET ADDRESS)

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Purity Presbyterian Church

Chester, South Carolina

HN McSWEEN, MINISTER
MANSE: 147 YORK ST.

March 25, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Chester Ministers' Association has instructed me to write and express for this body our gratitude for the blessing which your visit to Chester brought to all the churches of our community and our appreciation for the wonderful service which you have rendered here.

May I say that I have been blessed by your ministry thru the past 35 years but never have I received a greater blessing than during your ministry here last week. We felt, indeed, that we had been very truly led into a closer fellowship with our Lord and that we have been given an insight into the riches of His grace which we had not had before.

May God richly bless you and give you many years of fruitful ministry.

Sincerely yours,

John McSween

John McSween, Secretary
Chester Ministers' Association

JMcS/ebl

Dear Dr Speer. I have been spending every available moment listening to your addresses.

Will say I've enjoyed them somewhat, and also have been somewhat disappointed in that I was not expecting to hear War politics discussed. I think we learn enough of that from the Pres and Radio. How well I recall the pre war days of the World War how some of the ministry then clamored from the pulpits for young men to give their lives for their country to end all wars;" creating malice and hatred instead of love and forgiveness. Is this going to be a period of history repitition? Where are those great men "with hearts o'erflowing with passion of God's Love, Crying for the souls of men" but they die? May the Lord Bless you is my prayer. I am just an humble fellowe of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If you desire my name make a request from the rostrum and you'll learn. John Doe. (1 Cor. 9:23)

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

GEORGE H. MOSES ✦ CONCORD ✦ NEW HAMPSHIRE

29 March, 1941

Dear Doctor Speer:

I wish I were in position to make an immediate affirmative response to your appeal; but the fact is that I have become an Old Man and am in precarious health and with a limited income.

I wonder if you remember when you came to Athens during the time when I was American Minister there. I well remember that afternoon when you had to speak through an interpreter; and even with my limited knowledge of modern Greek, I found that your audience was having difficulty in grasping the content of your message.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. H. Moses

Dr. Robert E. Speer
450 Park Avenue
New York City

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207 West Park Avenue,S.
Winter Park ,Florida
April 1,1941

Dear Dr Speer: I met you first at Northfield in the middle '90's and have followed your work ever since with much interest. The matterof a contribution to the Bible Fund I will take up later .Now I am taking this opportunity of hearing from you to unburden myself on a subject which seems to me to call for attention not being given to it.

A few weeks ago a high school boy of 17 came to me..he was evidently in considerable distress so I led him to talk.He burst out"What do you think about this Biblical prophecy fulfilled?" After a few questions I asked him what his parents-good Baptists- had to say about it. Again he burst out"That's just what I should like to know.I guess it's too near to what they believe to have them really say anything against it.They maybe are afraid they'd unsettle my faith if they said what they think!" Within a day or so a college graduate friend came to me about her sister who is so busy attending Bible prophecy meetings day and night to take proper care of herself. In this case it is a 7th Day Adventist group who have hired the elementary school building for week day services and the high school auditorium for Sunday evenings. Not far from us is an incorporated Negro village in which the school board has refused to rent the school house for these meetings. I wrote to the Secretary of the local ministerial union about the matter but have not even had an acknowledgment of my communication.

Last winter in Charleston a group of 75 people met in the Chamber of Commerce hall one evening each week to work on prophecy in relation to the Anglo-Israel movement. One of the men is a member of one of the oldest and finest Charleston families.Many of the members are college trained. As I told the boy referred to above,one of the sad parts of these undertakings is that they lead to and increase anti-Semitic propaganda.

CBS has recently referred twice to the general belief that the smooth sea at Dunkerque and the Yugo-Slav revolution are direct answers to prayer on the days of prayer called for. Sunday evening I went into a church and the request of a member for prayers on account of an operation to be experienced this week was referred to and prayed over in very materialistic terms such as would lead to bitter disappointment in case the operation went wrong. I have had many tragic experiences with men who have been taught to expect literal special care through prayer and not given any aid in meeting such matters in other ways. I know what can easily be written in answer to my protests. I could write pages of such advice and comfort.What I would like to know is what consciousness of these difficulties is there and what is anyone doing to help the victims? I have deep respect for individual Adventists,Jehovah's Witnesses,Anglo-Israelites,et al. but I find very few churchmen or ministers taking any responsibility for the problems they accentuate.

What I have known of the Buchmanites has revealed often not unlike needs but in a different level of society. In another group an inquirer was urged by a leader to ask God for guidance in a mechanical matter calling for expert handling..a machinery matter to be treated in a somewhat Christian Science manner. A college student of unusual ability,character and really religious spirit said to me yesterday of some public utterances at his church "Such things make me sick!" I replied that he had better be strong and wise and responsible in the situation and then I repeated what I had said the day before to a very brilliant young Negro"You must not let yourself think that wrong race treatment is right or necessary..even excusable but do not let yourself feel mean about it."

In ~~good~~ hope

Frank A. Manny

Frank A.Manny

3109 Hanes Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
April 9, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My very dear Friend:

I was delighted and comforted while in the hospital to receive, first, the note from Mrs. Speer telling me that you were away on a preaching trip and, afterwards, your own letter from Chester. You know my great admiration and love for you, and how I treasure all of your words, either written or spoken. I thank God that He is using you so marvelously in your preaching in the North and in the South, and that He gives you strength and guidance to do so much and so efficient work. Just before I left the hospital, Dr. Kenneth Miller told me that in the final luncheon or dinner to Dr. Scott, he heard you and was delighted to see that you keep as alive, as inspired and as powerful as ever.

I was sorry to learn from Rex Wheeler that your granddaughter was in St. Luke's at the same time I was; and I trust she is now out and recovering.

I am glad to report that I am improving steadily. The weather is fine, and I can get out and walk in the sunshine as much as I wish. Mrs. Orts and I expect to be here until the end of this month; then, to return to New York.

Our son will graduate early in June from V. P. I. He now ranks fifth among the Chemical Engineering group of fifty. Our older daughter has been elected President of the Student Government Council of Westhampton College for her Senior Year. She left last night for a week's trip to New Orleans, to attend a conference of similar officers. Our younger daughter is doing excellent work at Mary Washington.

I take advantage of this opportunity to wish for you and Mrs. Speer all the joys of Easter.

Cordially yours, Juan Orts Gonzalez

April 20 1941

FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Dear Robbie -

Yes, I glory in my shame!
nest my gun, I didn't propose your name - It has
een before the Committee for a couple of years -
ut when it came up this year, I certainly
oke eloquent in my advocacy of your cause;
ut it wasn't really needed for you were as
ood as selected from the start - And as for
e Ananas-Saffline Medal of the Anglers Club,
at was won strictly of the merits, for never
en there so astonishing yet convincing
le. Nevertheless however I may have had to
ain my conscience in the early stages of
e proceedings for Beatification of Saint Robbie
feel that the end justified the means and
- rejoice to think that I - and so many of
ur other close friends were privileged
witness the investiture -

Well my dear Robbie, you are a real

FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Feller and I am proud to know you - and
so is Emma too! They don't come any
better anywhere - You two gave us such
a happy time - though far too short. We
must get together again. And what a
grand lad Billy is - and how charming
his wife. If I could think up some
thing honor open only the "best of the
show", I'd work my head off to get it for
Emma or for you - or for no other reason
than to get you down here again

Thanks sommetch for your
letter and Emma's - Every one has written
that they did have so grand a time with
us all - Emily sends, with me, our
warmest love to Emma and you and
Betty

Affectionately

Freddie

I speak to Evans about proofs of your address - but probably
it will not be set up in print until early next year.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MINISTER
HERBERT S. MEKEEL

STUDY
209 UNION STREET

27 April 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

May I thank you also for your gracious kindness to the Session and officers of the First Presbyterian Church in taking the time to come and address us in so friendly and intimate a fashion as one layman to others. You did for us what few can do. Your address to us was one of the best things that has happened in my ministry here, and I wish to express a deep personal satisfaction in the tactful and wise way you dealt with all subjects concerned.

May God bless and give you much fruit for your labor.

With many thanks to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Herbert S. Mekeel

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

ROY MARTIN HOUGHTON
21 HIGHLAND STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 30, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer;

You were most kind and generous to come to our Church on Sunday morning April Twentieth. Your presence & your message were a joy & an inspiration to us all. People who were present have been telling their friends & neighbors who were not present that you preached the most interesting, practical & helpful sermon that they ever heard. Mr. Houghton & I are especially grateful to you. We were so glad that Mrs. Speer could come with you, & we trust that the long journey was not too exhausting. We hope that you will come again on your fiftieth wedding anniversary! If you come to New Haven at any time please let us know. We shall be happy to have you in our home. Mr. Houghton joins me in

Yours

Affectionate greetings to Mrs. Spear & yr

Faithfully yours

Roym. Houghton.

P.S. We shall receive more than fifty new members into the Church next Sunday. You helped several of them to make the decision.

R.H.

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May 17, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

I hope you made your connections last evening at Albany without any hitch and that you were none the worse after your added labors of yesterday. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your being there and the splendid word of inspiration which you gave us. I could not help wondering whether we were fit to carry on with the moderate enthusiasm which we have. I realized from the first of course that it was quite a different thing to revive or re-organize an old Movement that lacks the inspiration, and the atmosphere, and the other surroundings of 1906 but the need is here to be met and some of us just felt that we could not help but give the thing an honest try-out in the hope that it will be successful, and I am more sure than ever that we need you on the Executive Committee with the kind of vision and inspiration that you have, even if you can come to us only once in awhile. I feel the need of your help very much.

Again I want to say that any expense you were put to for coming here yesterday we want to meet. Please let me know how much it was.

Yours very sincerely,

Jas. M. Speers

NEWARK CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH
BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

New York, N.Y.
99 John St.
May 17, 1941

Dr.Robert E.Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr.Speer;-

At the luncheon of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, yesterday, you made an eloquent address, outlining the origens of the movement.

In your reference to the Student Volunteer Convention, at Nashville in 1906, you mentioned three great Laymen; and you gave them the major credit for the success of the Convention and for the later thrust of the two movements. You are too modest, Dr.Speer. I was a delegate to Nashville, from Iowa State College. In my own heart and in my memories of the following years at college and of the expressions of my fellow students there stand out, above all the others, the addresses, the personalities and the leadership of two, then young men, Robert E.Speer and John R.Mott. Whatever may have been said, b y former ambassadors or present ones, by Secretaries of this and that, nothing remains in my memory, more permanently; and nothing has so marked my own thinking as has the work of yourself and Mr.Mott. The meeting, at Nashville, was well designed to start rolling toward and to reach a climax; but you and John were constantly guiding the craft and you were both there when the climax was reached. To be sure, you came around to the college, both of you,and conducted follow up meetings, we heard you both at many subsequent times; but the real impetus, the permanent hold upon our loyalties and our purposes, stemmed from Nashville; and from the work, there, of you two men.

The debt that Student America owes to you men is one that can only be paid in personal devotion and unselfish sacrifice.

Yours sincerely,
Louis E. Orcutt
Lay Leader,
Newark Conference.

Louis E Orcutt

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3109 Hanes Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
May 22, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville, Conn.

My very dear Friend:

Your letter of the 17th has been forwarded to me here and received today. Undoubtedly, you did not receive the one I wrote you from Richmond on April 9th, so I reproduce it.

> I was delighted and comforted while in the hospital to receive, first, the note from Mrs. Speer telling me that you were away on a preaching trip and, afterwards, your own letter from Chester.
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> You know my great admiration and love for you, and how I treasure all of your words, either written or spoken. I thank God that he is using you so marvelously in your preaching in the North and in the South; and that He gives you strength and guidance to do so much and so efficient work.
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> Just before I left the hospital, Dr. Kenneth Miller told me that in the final luncheon or dinner to Dr. Scott, he heard you and was delighted to see that you keep as alive, as inspired and as powerful as ever.
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> I was sorry to learn from Rex Wheeler that your granddaughter was in St. Luke's at the same time I was; and I trust she is now out and recovering.
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> I am glad to report that I am improving steadily. The weather is fine; and I can get out and walk in the sunshine as much as I wish. Mrs. Orts and I expect to be here until the end of this month; then to return to New York.
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> Our son will graduate from V. P. I. in June. He now ranks fifth among the Chemical Engineering group of fifty. Our older daughter has been elected President of the Student Government Council of Westhampton College for her Senior Year. She left last night for a week's trip to New Orleans, to attend a conference of similar officers. Our younger daughter is doing excellent work at Mary Washington.
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> I take advantage of this opportunity to wish for you and Mrs. Speer all the joys of Easter.

According to a letter received some weeks ago from the Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Board at Nashville, I am going to be retired from active service as a missionary on June 1, 1942. It is the rule of the Board usually to retire missionaries at seventy; but in some cases the term can be prolonged from year to year, never going beyond seventy-three, however; and I shall be seventy-three on Christmas Day of this year. The Secretary wrote me a very kind letter, stating how deeply the members of the Committee appreciate the service I have rendered.

The New York City Mission Society hopes that I may work for them until my retirement; but, while I feel better and stronger than before the operation, the President has advised me to remain in Richmond until September.

I am glad to have so long rest and vacation, because I can use it for preparing in book form, in both English and Spanish, the lectures I gave in Princeton Seminary. As I believe I have said to you, there is a great demand for them.

When I retire from active work, I plan to live here in Richmond, and probably I shall do very little preaching work. I may do some special work in the Seminary here; but my main work will be writing books and pamphlets for the propagation of the Gospel in Hispanic America. I feel more encouraged than ever to believe that - through Baez Camargo in Mexico, Dr. Stockwell in the Argentine, and myself, not to speak of some others - a better program of literature can be produced.

Did you receive a copy of the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY of May, in which I have an article? I do not think I flatter either you or our Committee on Cooperation when I say that, while you were the chairman, that Committee was more efficient in creating a better mutual understanding between the United States and Hispanic America and in advising the best methods to accomplish that understanding, than any other agency of the United States.

I do not see - although I try to read the best that is published by the newly created agencies in the United States for promoting the Good Neighbor Policy - that such agencies have advised anything good which we did not advise first; while they are advising some things which I know will check rather than promote the mutual understanding.

Hoping that we can keep up our correspondence, and that we may see each other sometime in New York; and with Christian love for Mrs. Speer, I remain,

Your great admirer and affectionate friend,

Juan Orts Gonzalez

ROBERT CLAIBORNE PITZER
MINISTER
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Faith Presbyterian Church

SMALLEY TERRACE, IRVINGTON, N. J.

MISS DOROTHEA J. LUEDER
MINISTER'S ASSISTANT
56 SOUTH 11TH ST., NEWARK, N. J
PHONE HUMBOLDT 3-4239

May 26-1941.

My dear Dr. Speer,

Enclosed find $2.00 (Check) from Faith Pres. Bible School, in response to your letter, and a previous one from Wm. Lyons Phelps. Our Church is composed mainly of unchurched families, of mixed marriages who cannot see beyond their own threshold so they are not givers, and we are having a struggle to exist. The Bible School of which I am Supt. makes an effort to give to various Boards — small amount — When I brought up the question of money for American Bible Society, one of the teachers suggested to "give the $2.00 to our own Church Poor Fund." But a majority vote finally carried my viewpoint. All this prelude about $2.00 !!

Sometime ago, I received a leaflet for "The Layman" written by you, about the Church needing people to carry on beside the Minister. I read it to the Session (I am an Elder) and asked the Pastor to get 100 copies for our quarterly letter which I send out as Chairman of Penny a Day Banks. He mislaid it etc, etc. Kindly let me know if they are free I could use 100 to good advantage. I think the

Dor 5/28/41

idea is a splendid one. Since our Pastor is not a "go-getter" I must do considerable planning the I organized the Church — or rather founded it with J Cluldon in 1910 — Under Dr. Davis Lus whom you know — and now under Dr. Chas. Le Reynolds of Mk. Church Extension. They pay salary but our Church pays Pastor and all other expenses. This is a very personal note but I have met you — I and know you will understand.

Cpm signature brought the 2nd to Bible Society.

Sincerely Yours.

Dorothea J Sueder.

COKER COLLEGE
HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

May 29, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am returning the glossy print and the mat which you so kindly sent me to be used in connection with your Coker commencement sermon.

I greatly enjoyed your sermon. It was, I think, the best commencement sermon we have had at Coker for many years.

Again, thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Charles A. Sisson

Charles A. Sisson
Director of Publicity

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SHERWOOD EDDY
52 VANDERBILT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

June 2, 1941

Mr. Robert E. Speer
c/o Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Robert:

I am just writing that book, MAKER OF MEN, which I told you about at the Laymen's Kagawa luncheon. In it I shall speak of the means of spiritual growth and of the value of the morning watch, of Bible study, and prayer. That was the one priceless habit of my life that I formed nearly fifty years ago at Northfield which I have kept through all the years. In fact, only this morning I had a very wonderful time. I may say that in those early years you were the chief spiritual inspiration and help in my life.

Would it be asking too much if I said that I would like a brief paragraph, from which you would permit me to quote, as to what the Bible has meant to you in your own devotional life and what the time of prayer has meant.

Five minutes ago I received a letter from John R. Mott just back from Lima, Peru, and I am going to ask him for a similar statement. There is no hurry about this but at your leisure please let me have a word from you.

Affectionately yours,

Sherwood

E/M

Thus it happens there is an old hymn of which
calls it "the Christ Wind Breath," and both metaphors are valid. It is
the "breath" in that it is not accessible but continuous and it is
"Wind" because the cessation of breathing is the end of life and because it
is essential to our union with Christ who is our life. And so then this prayer
is with breath because then we feel when actual is continuous is intercession
in special expressions. Each day begins for me Christ with such a special act
of faith & prayer and ends as it begins. I do not know. Actual cannot see the continuous
Thus periodic actual both refresh and reinforce the habit of constant prayer.

For some years Peter stood for me the greatest embodiment of
phases of life. He began with simple Bible standing for the constant of
Christ from which we children learned the Bible truth about God our Father,
Christ our Saviour. I went on from this to study of the great principles of
Christianity. I went on from this to study of biography, of autobiography, of Christian
and City principles. I with I know of Ephraim from the first went to the
local Christian activities. He did explain the evolution of the Bible to mind a human
in the slightest degree. He is dear for Christian consists that the pilgrim must
go on sharing his life as he has always stood for in the end the castle cannot stand
against
But we do not stand the shaking of my castle. The Bible is as given to me as
is Christ and as for me it is Christ and Bible.

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Yes

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June 7, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert:-

I want to put into writing my word of appreciation of your address to the outgoing group of missionaries on Thursday morning. I do not see how anything could have been better adapted to the group which was before you. You spoke for an hour and a half without notes, but nobody was weary, the address was so perfectly human, mixed with a little humor which made it all the more acceptable. I hope you will be able to do that kind of thing for outgoing missionary conferences for the next ten years at least.

I have added to our list in the prayer circle on behalf of the Laymen's Missionary Movement since I wrote you, Sam Zwemer and Cam White. I am troubled about the fact that we are not gathering funds as quickly as we should for the conduct of the work. There is such a multitude of relief appeals to-day.

With warmest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Jas. M. Speers

ALTER LOWRIE WHALLON, D. D.,
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LAURA EDNA HANNAHS
MARY CAMPBELL VEDDER
ASSISTANTS TO THE MINISTER

June 13, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I wish to express my great appreciation of your most helpful and impressive message to the Interdenominational Outgoing Missionary Group on Thursday, June 5. I had to hurry away immediately after the session and was sorry not to speak to you before going. I am sure those young people and all the rest of us who heard you will always remember a great deal of what you said.

There were two statements, you quoted I believe, which I was able to write down in part. Will you please correct on this paper and add the names of those whom you quoted. I am to be the leader of Philadelphia Presbytery Retreat on June 23 and I would like to pass these statements on in that conference.

1. "Prayer is the most dangerous subject in the world to talk about when your own experience doesn't validate"

2. "Preaching becomes unmoral if not immoral if one permits his preaching to go beyond his own apprehension"

These statements cause one to turn the searchlight into the heart-center of his own life.

I will deeply appreciate your trouble and also your permission to pass this message on. With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Walter L. Whallon

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

EDITORIAL AND PUBLICITY DIVISION
WILLIS LAMOTT, DIRECTOR

June 23, 1941

Dr. Robert Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Is this the picture to which you referred at the meeting of the outgoing missionaries the other day ?

Your mentioning it was the first I learned that it was not readily available. I was sorry. We procured it from the attic, had it copied and filed in our active picture file. I thought you might like to have one.

Had I missed your talk that day, I feel that it would have been a great loss. It was one of the finest I have heard and I wished so much that some of my friends could have heard it - especially those who are not very missionary-minded ! If only we could have had our recording equipment set up that day.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Verna Lotz

Mrs. Verna Lotz

P.S. We now have three sound-on-film pictures - our latest one which was made up of "scraps" on China with the lecture by Dr. Leber. But so far OUR CENTURY OF PROGRESS is my favorite.

For your information.

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EDGAR B. MOORE
248 West Jersey Street
Elizabeth, N. J.

June 25th/41

My dear Dr. Speer

Yours of the 20th is received - Some time ago received a similar survey of this situation.

There are so many appeals from so many directions that it is impossible to respond to more than a few. —

Memory of 50 years ago was awakened by your letter. When you — Stagg - Biederwolf and the Coll Cuffey to Elizabeth to talk to the then young people.

Have followed your career ever since with interest and prayer and congratulate you on your heavenly riches but more on the winning processes in your life which shall shine more and more unto that perfect day

Enclose fee. My overall contribution

In His Name Edgar B. Moore

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CHARLES C. BOVEY
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

June 25, 1941

Dear Robert:

True to your promise, the "Memoir of John J. Eagan" reached me yesterday. I just glanced at a few of the pages and I know it will be interesting from the standpoint of the life of John J. Eagan, and more particularly because you wrote it. I shall acknowledge receipt of the book to Mr. C. D. Barr, Vice President of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, and will write both of you further when I have perused the pages.

It was surely good to see you Robert. On such an occasion, as our 55th reunion, when I return home I think back over it and then have a lot of regrets that I didn't get this or that from those I talked to. When we come to our 60th I hope my memory will have improved and I will get more out of our reunion.

Affectionately,

C C Bovey

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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DIRECTORS

(Dictated June 27th)
June 30,1941

Dr.Robert E.Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville,Connecticut.

Dear Dr.Speer:

It was a great joy and privilege to have you here in the building again when you spoke to the New Missionary Conference. You brought a rich blessing to all who heard you and there were many grateful comments made after you had spoken. There were a number of requests for a copy of your address. I took notes,as I have done before, but not expecting them to be reproduced. I know it is a difficult task to go over such incomplete records and make corrections. If I write out my record, would you have time to make it complete?

I remember so well when I first heard you at The Hill School in the fall of 1904, when you preached on the text - "Watch you, stand fast in the faith; quit you like men, be strong." Those words are inscribed on the chancel of the alumni pulpit,and I felt their force and validity anew as I went down to the graduation exercises for Sandy on June 21st. I thought your address to the new missionaries was one of the finest that you have given during all these thirty-seven years, and the warmth of sympathy and understanding and the humor that interspersed the more serious parts of the address helped to captivate your hearers. We will hope you will surely come again for the next Conference and whenever you are free. It seemed like old times to have you here.

I am leaving next week for Nantucket for my vacation but will be back July 30th in the office for the rest of the summer. Sandy hopes to get into either the R.A.F. or the Canadian Air Force depending on certain developments now in prospect, but will be with us next month at Nantucket.

He broke The Hill-Lawrenceville dual meet record on May 17th,clearing 12 ft. 1 in.,doing this on his third attempt, and I thought of Mike's wonderful spirit and determination that had helped Sandy in his battles with the record.

I was so pleased to hear you quote from the Sweeney book for the new missionaries. I telephoned Mr.Sweeney that evening and then wrote him the selections you had read from his book which gave him much joy.

We are glad you have your daughter and the grandchildren safe on this side of the Atlantic. I think we ought to throw in our power to help Britain, and I believe the country as a whole is in favor of this,if necessary, to defeat the Nazis.

With love and best wishes for you and Mrs.Speer, I am

Affectionately yours,
W. Reginald Wheeler
W.Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
525 NORTH BROADWAY
WICHITA, KANSAS

ASA J. FERRY
PASTOR

J. MERION KADYK
RETOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

July 1st, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The group at Emporia Seminar were deeply distressed that the delay of our chairman permitted you and your colleagues of our seminar faculty to escape from the dining room before we had expressed our deep and sincere appreciation of the unusually fine service which you gave us. The sending of a little committee scarcely took the place of the enthusiastic expression which would have come around the tables.

During the seminar I talked to many of the men personally and heard expressions of deep and earnest appreciation. I know that your messages as well as your consecrated and devoted spirit left a profound impression upon their minds and hearts.

Unless you have lived in these more or less isolated parishes of our church you cannot quite conceive the loneliness which often envelopes these men cut off from their brethren and from the general movements of the church. The Seminar provided a period of spiritual refreshment which is as much needed as a fountain of cool water in the desert. This the Seminar provided in a high degree.

I hope you will not permit the somewhat boistrous behaviour of these men to blind you to their genuine consecration or make you feel that they are insensible to spiritual values. They have been rather alone and working continually on hard fields and the Seminar offers them something approaching a home coming of college alumni. I know vertually every one of these men personally and believe that they are as fine a group of consecrated ministers as you will find anywhere in our church. This is not an apology but a simple statement of fact.

May I add my own sincere thanks for the uplift which you gave me.

Very sincerely,

Asa J. Ferry
E.M.

137 Sheridan st
Vassar, mich

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obert E. Sheen
Dear Sir
I sent to card got
1 John J. Ewgan Book
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In Jesus name
Mrs Hattie Fullman
137 Sheridan st
Lansing Mich
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CHARLES C. BOVEY
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

July 9, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I found much to interest me in the "Memoirs of John J. Eagan." A rare example of a truly christian man, who knew the life and the teachings of Christ and he applied them to his business. John Eagan had a very clear intellect and a marvelous memory. Trained in business from early boyhood, learned the fundamentals of practical business, and rather than live the life of a Jaekel and Hyde applied the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount to his daily business life. However, not business alone, for he entered into almost every activity of the communities in which he lived and carried Christ's teachings into those activities.

Closing the book and remembering that he died in 1924, I looked up the standing of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company and found that after seventeen years the firm had still the highest credit rating and the company making successful progress.

Now Robert, tell me, how did you get in touch with John Eagan, and furthermore, how could you, as in chapter No. 8, "His Last Testament," sum up the story of this man and state so clearly those principles as applied to every day trading and to use the language of every day business? This seemed remarkable to me when you had given your life to something entirely different.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I am sending to Mr. Barr. You can see very plainly that I have taken keen interest in this book.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Bovey

CCB-LS

July 9, 1941

Mr. C. D. Barr, Vice President
American Cast Iron Pipe Company
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Barr:

I have finished reading "John J. Eagan - A Memoir." I find the book by my Phillips Academy, Andover, classmate, Robert E. Speer, most interesting.

I have given fifty years of my life to the company of which I am still a director. I joined Washburn Crosby Company in 1891. The company was incorporated in 1889, and in 1928, together with the Sperry Flour Company and a few other mills, became General Mills, Inc. Our leaders have always been men of the highest integrity. I think they have tried to practice the Golden Rule in industry.

I wish officers and directors of many organizations in our country could read this book. I would particularly wish them to read the 8th and last chapter entitled, "His Last Testament." I think it is quite remarkable that Robert E. Speer, who has given his life to things other than commercial matters, should be able to express so clearly fundamental business principles, using a vocabulary quite common to business leaders of today.

After reading this life of your founder, and not being wholly familiar with the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, I turned to Dun & Bradstreet and found your firm, seventeen years after the death of John J. Eagan, with the highest credit rating. So the principles that John J. Eagan laid for American Cast Iron Pipe Company have not been a detriment but evidently a great benefit to the development of the ACIPC. I have always felt that the Golden Rule was practiced by many firms and I am glad to see that your company has clearly demonstrated that business can go on and thrive and become stronger when the Golden Rule is applied.

I know how proud you must be of the history of your company and let me again thank you for sending me "John J. Eagan - A Memoir."

Sincerely,

CCB-LS

The College of the Ozarks

Clarksville, Arkansas

July 16, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Spear
"Rockledge," Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Spear:

I appreciate very much your letter of July 9 advising me of your present location.

I had heard that you had retired from the Board but had been unable to get your present address. I have not been in New York lately and was not sure of your present location. I thought a letter addressed to 156 Fifth Avenue would reach you, as apparently my letter did.

You state that you are not a minister. Of course I knew that, but I also know that your name is better known in our church and among the laymen of this country than is the name of any minister of our church. I thought if you had been on the campus, you would be willing to write a letter giving your impression of our work.

In this connection I want to tell you how pleased I was on account of a recent conversation with my daughter, who is a student in Coe College. We sent her there so that she could grow up independent of us. She said of all the speakers she had heard at Coe College, Dr. Spear was supreme. I was so happy that my own daughter had been thrilled by you as you thrilled me when I heard you first at Lake Geneva in 1904.

With best regards, I am as ever

Cordially yours,

Oliley Lin Furie

Oliley Lin Furie, President

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JWB

600 WEST 122ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 21, 1941.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Hearing you in New York was like being in Atlanta where I grew up in Dr. Eli Fuller's Church or else like being back again at Roanoke where you so recently spoke for the Union Pre. Easter week. Many thanks for a sermon filled with Christ Jesus and his influence upon men who wit-

ness to his power over sin.

Being a young minister, I feel very responsible for my boys, along with other. That story about your eight year old son is "hung well upon the walls of my memory."

Thus I should like to ask a copy of the message on the card about God and boys.

May God bless you, sir.

Ever sincerely in His,

Griffin Henderson, Pastor
Main St Baptist Church
Luray, Va.

250 Kaiulani Avenue
Honolulu, T.H.
July 28, 1941.

Dr.Robert E.Speer,
New York City.

My dear Dr.Speer:

This will introduce the bearer, Mr.Sih-ung Kwoh, a former student of mine, who expects to enter the Princeton Theological Seminary this autumn. He graduated from Hangchow College and later became Assistant Dean of students. He worked particularly among the Christian students and Fellowship Groups in the college last year in Shanghai. I was associated with him in the college on the same faculty in Shanghai where you remember Hangchow College is located at present. I taught Bible and Philosophy and greatly enjoyed fellowship with Mr.Kwoh and many others in the faculty and student body who were most earnestly seeking to know more fully the meaning of the Kingdom of Christ and endeavoring to lead non-Christian students into that Kingdom. Mr.Kwoh saw more than fifty students of college and high school grades join the college church in Shanghai last January. I am sure Mr.Kwoh can give you much important data about China just as another student of mine Mr.Zen Yah did many years ago. I remember you used his story in your addresses in the churches.

I shall be most happy indeed to learn that you have met Mr.Kwoh and ministered unto him in any way you choose. His English name is Edwin.

I as a Southern Presbyterian minister wish to thank you for your presence and addresses last year at Montreat, I believe it was. The reports were that you were as overflowing with missionary zeal as ever. May Christ give Mr.Kwoh this spirit as fully as you have. Mr.Kwoh has it already. May contact with you deepen his Christian experience through Christ and His Holy Spirit,

Yours in Christ's service,

Lowry Davis

Fr 8

10 MITCHELL PL.
N.Y.C.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Several months ago one of my co-workers, an Italian Greenwich Village boy, and I, discovered that we were mutual admirers of Elliott. Together we re-read the "Memoriam". Then I thought it would be nice to write you of my unusual experience in meeting Elliott, and the circumstances that surrounded the meeting. It was so typical of the life you described in the memorial service at Northfield.

While contemplating the letter, and trying to locate your address, I received a terrible shock. I saw your name among a list of people who advocated refusal of sending food to starving people in conquered and occupied countries! It seemed so un-typical of the vision that

I think was Elliott's.

Where, oh where, is the Christ in our Christian ministry? Where is the 'love your enemy', the 'turn the other cheek' admonition of Him we follow? Is it to go the way of the Christian ministry in the first World War and sink to the worldly level and disillusionment to follow?

I just don't understand it. Can you enlighten me?

Sincerely yours
Edward Dilday

~~Feb. 20, 1941~~
July 15, 1941

S. Dear Sir, do not be misled by present
.. Christian, Jewish, and other worldly
eaders, who, in advocating a stand have
ost the Christ back-ground from which
e make our judgments.

E.D.

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Elgin House
Limited
Muskoka, Canada

Elgin House P. O.
Aug 8. 1941

My dear Robert,

It was just like you to write me. My mind often travels back to our friendship and I miss more than I can say, seeing you. What a change has come over the church's leadership since you slipped up! The Boards have new leadership as well as the church, and the future is full of opportunity. I wished I could talk over with you some of the things which concern the future of all the churches. I am glad you are giving time to the Faith & Life Conference. I am hoping the day may come when I can join you in that good work which is in my opinion the most promising of all the tasks any of the Boards attempt to do. As for myself I am making good progress, and

I expect to return to my pulpit the first Sunday in September. It has quite a jolt & sometimes I feel as if I should surrender my pastorate. My last birthday was 70. and I feel a young man core carry on the detailed task. Sometime in the near future that will have to be.

I am glad Billy & his good wife are happily re-located in a congenial link. I had some correspondence with him last winter. He's a fine boy and will go far. My love to Mrs Spear & to yourself. I am glad your Lakeville home suits you so well. What do you hear from Margaret? What an unhappy world this is and how difficult to forecast the future! The Canadian people seem a bit complacent to me, and have no sense of fear. They wear emblems of Victory as if they knew the English will win out!

Write my love.

Yours sincerely

Hughe

Pittsburgh, Pa.
August 8, 1941

Robert Elliot Speer, D. D.
Carnegie Music Hall
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Doctor Speer:

This morning while sitting on the front porch - wasting my life away and heartbroken, I observed in the East Liberty Tribune that your sermon for next Sunday evening at Carnegie Music Hall is to be "WHY DO MEN BLUNDER SO?" My answer is: "Because they are not Christians nor are they trying to be Christians."

I am a Methodist, have always been interested in helping my fellowman, but NOW am middle aged - not wanted any more by the business world - discriminated against because I am now on "relief". The whole setup is a disgrace to America, and of any man who dares call himself a Christian. Big Steel was first responsible for such a ruling, yet their Presidents and Vice Presidents (who are sitting up at night figuring how they can do honest men and women out of work) call themselves Christians, and of course, at least once in a while go to the Churches.

For 25 years, I have been a qualified office work (stenographer and payroll clerk);have excellent references as to my business ability and character. Now, I am too old, according to the United States Steel Executives and other bosses of Industry, so have been pushed into the dole along with thousands of other fine men and women who, especially in America, are entitled to make an honest living in their own line of work.

Just before starting to write this letter, one of the "relief visitors" called to see me and make her monthly checkup. Of course, she felt so sorry for me but said she had to follow the rules and would not dare go over my superior's head. Her interview ended with the insult - "Would you do housework?" To this I replied: "No, I am entitled to my own kind of work, and will end it all before I will be belittled any further."

My minister, Dr.W.W.Wiant (Emory M.E.Church,)of course, cannot afford to bother with any middle-aged, perhaps neurotic woman, either. September a year ago, I was living at the YWCA across the street from where I now live. The YWCA considered that I was too old to remain there any longer, so asked me to move - regardless of the fact that I had neither home, job nor money. At this time, I wrote to Dr. Wiant. He finally called on me SIX MONTHS later. I told my Minister that so long as I lived I would never again enter a Protestant Church and to take my name from his church record. He replied that these rulings were in existence and no one could do anything about them.

My Church, the YWCA, Industry, the Presbyterian Board of Missions (due to age), have all turned their backs on me. The YWCA even took from me a small office job that I was doing one day a week (Sundays) from 4:00 until 12:00, making $4. on each Sunday.

In conclusion, - you are referred to as"the Grand Old Man". Now may I ask you: "To Whom is the forgotten man and woman supposed to turn with their Cross in their Arms?

Most sincerely,

Luella D. Carson

5941 Alder Street
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 13, 1941

My dear Speer,

For my own soul's good as well as in the name of Justice I am going to knock off from an endless official correspondence to write you this letter. It is purely a love letter, to tell you how very very much (words can never tell) you have helped me through life. From the days of College life on through the years your personality and leadership, your messages and writings, have been a constant stream of inspiration, stimulus, challenge and reinforcement to faith. How can you be thanked adequately ! Of course, you can't be, save as it is a joy and satisfaction to you to have been so used.

Illustrative of how the unconscious moments count, I recall one day in the nineties you were coming down Cortland Street to the Ferry and I was going up to the city. You clasped my hand and simply said, "How are you, Watson?" and passed on. And there flowed out into my life a stream of influence making for courage and purity and gladness. I have always remembered it both with gratitude and as illustrating the verse, "From within him shall flow rivers of living water."

It seems useless to write about the war situation when radical changes keep occuring overnight.and also when we imagine you get more up to date and comprehensive world news in America than our extremely limited newspapers give us. However, there may be this difference between you and us. The war for you is still many thousands of miles away, but for us it is at our door-step. This gives it a reality which is hard to describe to you.

As you may know, our American University at Cairo is the onlyone of the American Universities in the Near East which was able to close its school year undisturbed. The others in Greece, Turkey and Syria either closed their doors or evacuated their foreign teachers before the end of the year.

As American evacuees from Greece passed through our little American colony here in Cairo, some with only a suit-case or two, and told of how they left their homes often just as they would for a week end visit, with carpets on the floor and furniture in place, perhaps not to see them or possess them again, it has made the war very real and near to us in Egypt, since we stand next in line save as British resistance avails to keep the enemy away.

Yet we are faced with a desperate shortage of staff. Three young men who are disqualified for military draft are under appointment in America, but cannot get passport permits to come out. All sorts of journalists, oil men, observers and others are allowed to come out, but our men are blocked. Yet here we are with our wives and some with children holding the fort, regarding our safety as reasonable and in any case our work as justifying any slight risk which is or has been on our horizon. Naturally some have to withdraw for one reason or another and that leaves us with a diminished staff unless recruits come.

I confess to increasing apprehension as to the trend of events in Moslem lands. Reactionary religious movements join with Nationalism in arguing for the exclusion of all foreigners and of suppressing all religions save the official religion of the land.

his is defended onthe ground of national unity. What complicates the situation is that ll religions out here are more like distinctive community organizations than like purely piritual or moral movements and as such they really are divisive in the life and organiation of the Nation.

We have a small group that has been meeting every two weeks for over a year studying he problems of a Christian world order. There are stimulating minds in the circle, such as Morrison of the C.M.S. Also the R.C. Church is represented and of course Americans, ritish, French and Egyptian.

But I must not weary you with too long a letter. You doubtless get my Printed etters which give detailed information of events here.

With sincere gratitude and affection,

Charles R. Watson

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Lakeville, Conn.
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August 19, 1941

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

Send books

Dear Dr. Speer:

I take this means to express my sincere appreciation of and commendation for an excellent writing of yours that I chanced to come across some time ago. To be sure, it was so very helpful, interesting, enlightening, and inspiring that I wish to inquire as follows:

I. Have you at any time during your fine and fruitful ministry written (and had printed and published) any booklets and books, et cetera, on Christ and, also, the Christian Realities, etc.? If so, how many have you written and what are the titles?

II. Do you regularly contribute to any magazines and periodicals? If so, what are they?

III. What magazines and periodicals, both religious and secular, do you personally peruse and subscribe to? Do you unreservedly recommend them as the finest in their respective field?

IV. Do you now have a Church that prints a weekly "Messenger" or church paper, etc., that carries sermons, articles, and editorials by you? If so, how may I regularly secure it? (Please send me all back-copies available of the same, to date.)

V. Would you graciously place my name on your permanent mailing list, to henceforth receive

regularly, as available, all of your varied literature and publications —— sermons, writings, booklets, papers, pamphlets, books, et cetera —— and also devotional material ("Daily Devotions" booklets, manuals, or the like) that you habitually use, etc.? To say the least, all such would be extremely helpful and put to extensive good use.

You see, Dr. Speer, I am a serious-minded young honor-student graduate (high school) who the past several years has earnestly cherished a consuming ambition to prepare for the Christian Ministry but, because of really straitened circumstances and divers stringent needs (am one of a large family located here in a small non-operating coal mining town, where remunerative employment and a steady position are much sought after but rarely found and obtainable), have not as yet been able to realize my intensely honest aspiration and ever-present yearning. Consequently —— needless to say —— I of necessity am unable to procure even a small portion of the fine Christian literature (books, etc.) I so greatly desire and would like immensely to get my hands on. Indeed, all such would be mighty welcome and deeply appreciated, certainly prized and highly valued, and put right to work, for it is largely through the beneficence of such folk

as you that I am enabled to further myself in the reading and study line as desired.

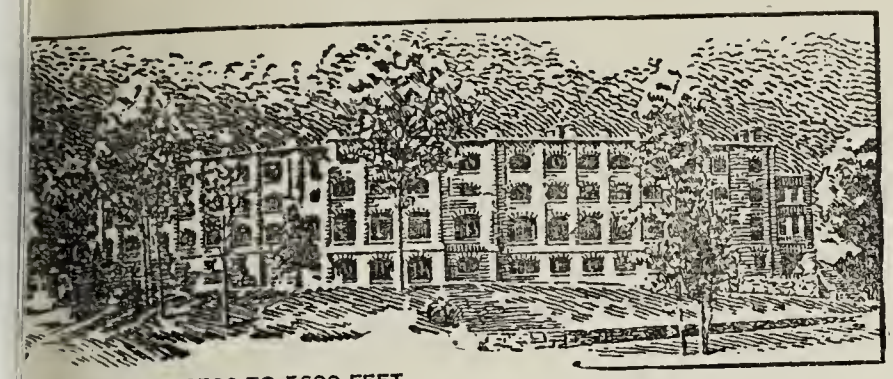
Assuring you of my heartfelt appreciation and inexpressible gratitude for your helpfulness and any extended kindnesses, I wish you and yours every blessing always. May the Lord guide and prosper your splendid endeavors.

40 West Grande Ave.
Tower City, Pa.

Gratefully yours
Karle F. Kauffman

P. S. — If perchance you are able to send me various books —— especially any and all on Christ, the Christian tenets and realities, etc —— that you have written, I would deeply appreciate your personally inscribing them in friendship.

Many, many sincere thanks!



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nd as we hear your call to
aith and effort, dear Mr. Speer -
or many of us it renews our
command. There is neither the
relinquishment of afternoon nor
he submission of twilight in your
message, and this pilgrim is
grateful for the privilege of
carrying the echo back into a
discordant world.

In hope for the future -
Auf Wiedersehen -

Janet Allan Bryan.

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WAYNESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH
STUDY OF THE PASTOR
WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA

August 27, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticutt

Dear Dr. Speer:

Most young preachers early in their ministry pick out one or two preachers that they "put up" as outstanding preachers. During the second year of my Seminary work at Union in Richmond, you were on the lecture program and I had the joy of listening to you for a week. Several times since then at the Massanetta programs and in New York, I have been able to hear you. It is always with pleasure and profit, and I always come away with a determination to try to be a better person, and also a better preacher. I wanted to express to you my sincere appreciation for your contribution to my life.

I feel sure that the days that you spent in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mack were enjoyable and helpful. When I was at Union I always enjoyed going in their home, and Dr. Mack was a professor who had all the respect and admiration of all his students.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Harry C. Hubbard

Harry C. Hubbard

CHINSEGUT-HILL SANCTUARY
HERNANDO COUNTY
BROOKSVILLE
FLORIDA

First Day In September
1941.

Dear Robert Speer:

Your generous letter of the 24th ult. gladdened my heart, and I would have you know that in all the six long years since I was smashed no other letter has comforted me more. You have ever been Light and Leading for the things that are more excellent, through all the years of my active service.

With all its destruction, suffering and sudden death, I count this hour as preparatory to the most creative and liberating generation for a thousand years. The outcome of World War #2 has never for a moment been in doubt in my mind, for after all we KNOW, that TRUTH is stronger than lies, KINDNESS is s tronger than cruelty, LOVE is stronger than hate, and CHRIST is s tronger than Ceasar. This totalitarian era--which for me is a bestial throwback to the Tribal Age--will pass as a bloody dream in the night. Despite the unequalled success of Hitler--"We shall see him come and gone this second hand Napoleon".

With this I enclose a clipping that will tell you something of this place, and should you be in this vicinity we would be delighted for you to come by for an hour, for a meal, for over night, or longer as might be convenient for you. We are midway between Ocala and Tampa five miles northeast of Brooksville the county seat of Hernando county and State Road #5 --U.S.41 the main highway of the west coast of Florida runs for two miles through this property.

During these shut-in years I have followed your public utterances with keen interest, and it is good to know that you are still on the firing line for the Kingdom of God.

With grateful appreciation for all that you have meant to me, and to so many thousands of the Youth of our America, with every good wish for your health and happiness,

Cordially yours, Raymond Robins

r. Robert E. Speer,
akeyille, Connecticut.
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TREASURER

September

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Dear Doctor Speer:-

I should like to send you greetings on the occasion of your birthday, Wednesday, September the tenth.

You have my sincere congratulations on the large usefulness to which you have put these years. There should come to you on such an occasion much gratification and joy in comtemplating the experiences of the past. May this birthday be a most happy one for you.

We do appreciate greatly your ministry at Bonclarken this summer. Your messages were most helpful. Mrs. Grier and also Dr. Johnson of Winnsboro, S. C., were telling me of how much they enjoyed your last address on "Unity" that I had to miss. Dr. Johnson thought it the best of the series. We hope you can come back to Bonclarken.

Your addresses here in Chester will long be remembered as a most inspirational season in the life of our city.

Very sincerely yours,

Jos. L. Grier

Jos. L. Grier

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

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286 W. 11th St.
New York, N. Y.
September 7, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
12 West 12th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Would it be possible for me to have a copy of the sermon you preached at the First Presbyterian Church this morning? It would be so helpful to two people I know who are groping toward the Light, and a great source of inspiration to me, also.

I should be very grateful for this favor.

Sincerely,
Frances Hallman

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

September 9, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer:

Just a word to greet you on your birthday. I hope it finds you well and happy.

Your old friend Dr. McAfee dropped in the week before last. He was looking well and cheerful.

I had an interesting experience at the first of the year when I attended an afternoon and evening session of a two-day Board meeting for the purpose of taking notes.

I suppose you know that Dr. Dodd has had a heart attack, also Dr. Paul Johnston. Miss Schultz looks as though she ought to be home, too. I guess she is determined to work.

The foreign secretaries are deluged with work these days, as you will know.

I was glad to hear you when you spoke to the out-going missionaries. I can't imagine anything better. There is no one here who has your ability, in my humble opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Alice G. Schultz

CHATHAM HALL
OFFICE OF THE RECTOR
CHATHAM, VIRGINIA

September 22, 1941

My dear Dr. Speer:

I owe you a profound apology for not having written you earlier about the Chatham mission. The first fall meeting of the Chatham Church Advisory Council will not be held for about ten days. There have been three changes in the pastors of the churches, and this has affected somewhat the solidarity of our group. There has not been enough interest in having this union mission to justify our doing it, and our plan has been temporarily, and perhaps permanently abandoned.

I am much disappointed in this personally, as I feel about you very much as did my good friend and first Bishop in China, the late Addison Ingle. He and I were talking together on my first out-station trip in the year 1903. In the course of the conversation he remarked, "I could listen to Robert Speer all day." That is exactly how I have always felt about it, and I am disappointed that I must give up the hope of listening to you for part of several days in the Chatham mission.

I am inclined to think, though, that you would be wasted on the Chatham group, and I comfort myself by thinking that I am spared the disappointment that I would surely feel in case what we were able to offer you in the matter of attendance was not what you deserved.

Lucy sends her love to Mrs. Speer.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Arnold Lee

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.

Bethel Presbyterian Church
White Hall, Maryland
Charles Stewart McKenzie
Minister

September 25th

Dear Dr Speer -

I want to thank you for your help in our Retreat at West Nottingham Academy. Those of us who were there were stimulated by your messages and delighted with your comradeship. It was a privilege to be with you on your birthday. I trust you may have many more as useful as this one.

Please accept my sincere good wishes for your health and happiness.

Yours cordially
Stewart McKenzie

Residence 308 West Main St. Phone Main 115

The First Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. R. Taylor - Pastor

Carrollton - - Ohio

October 5, 1941

Dear Mr. Speer:

Just a line to say that I will appreciate it very much if you will send me the book on the life of Borom.

I certainly enjoyed the seminar in Canton. I felt that we came closer to one another as servants of Him and that we learned to know Him better.

Appreciatively yours

W. R. Taylor

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Montreat, N. C. Oct. 5th 1941.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Following our last brief conversation in the lobby of the Inn, I find my interest mounting. The question is - does Psa. 11: 3 - point forward or backward? The margin of the American Revised Version reads - "For the foundations are destroyed: what hath the righteous wrought?" Dr. Alexander MacLaren translates it - "For the foundations are being destroyed: the righteous — what hath he achieved?" William E. Doughty in The Upper Room - July 1st 1941 quotes from "some modern scholar thus - If the foundations be destroyed, what have the righteous been doing? - and comments - "The implications of this are startling - the logic inexorable the righteous must take the responsibility if the foundations are being destroyed. I will be grateful for your check up on this. Your message on Hope is making music in our hearts down among these big hills

Faithfully yours Coit-

Bishop Gore.

What avail righteousness avail there when the very foundations of justice is overthrown? When the strong are about authorities justice is gone for.

The faint-hearted are deserting

Stephen Dalitzsch

If the f. of the state were destroyed what could the righteous do: he can contemplate nothing and sing that on country order is ruin the fighter on is away from the scene & danger the battle.

Eric Gandy & Guillaume.

as the efforts of the righteous have been useless (or the faint-hearted complain) in the face of the destruction of the foundations of society, the law & order of the community.

Summarises of those in high places disregard the first principles of righteousness. This is our against of unity & community. It is equally true wickedness explode triumphant as in such wanton wastes

Eustace Rolls Esq compare a hopeless conflict, longer as the years slope

PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD STREET AT PINE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

C. RALSTON SMITH, MINISTER

October 9, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Spear

Dear Dr. Spear:

I want to write my sincere appreciation for your forthright declaration of the Christian life at the Forumn last night. I rejoiced in the clarity of your message and the virility with which it was delivered. I sang with delight at the facility with which you quote the scriptures and the laws of the church.

I suggested to Mr. Gross that I find out if you have published this message and if it has been published I would like to purchase some one hundred copies and if it has not been published, may I lend my support to your ideas and its immediate distribution. Your coming to this community has always been a great blessing and last night was particularly helpful.

Yours sincerely,

C. Ralston Smith

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E. J. DAVIS
TINLEY PARK
ILLINOIS

Oct 12 -

Robert E Speer. D.D. LL.D.
156 - 5th Ave
New York -

Dear Doctor Speer -

My several copies of your book including three Studies of the Man Christ Jesus, were turned in a fire that destroyed my study with books and papers of a life time. I called on Blessings for a copy of the Man Christ Jesus that I feel should be in every home in America at least. They said it was out of print. I could not believe it and wrote Revell & Co - 158 5th Ave. They confirmed it saying "indefinitely out of print"! This is a great loss to the religious world. Blessings finally obtained a used copy for me. If I can finance it I should like your permission to republish it at my own expense. I see how many reading that book can have doubts of the Deity of Christ.

Sincerely Yours.
E. J. Davis.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

BEVERLY DEPARTMENT

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October 13, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Spears,
c/o Sunday Evening Club,
10 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Spears:

Thirty-five and more years ago, I used to hear you speak at the Students' Conference at Lake Geneva. You gave me some of the mountain top experiences of my life, for which I will always be grateful. I can never forget your address on - "And there are Many Adversaries", as well as some of your appealing illustrations.

Last night, as I listened over the radio to your address at the Sunday Evening Club, your voice and message seemed just as vibrant and gripping as ever.

As one of the thousands, whom you never met or knew, but on whom you have had a life long influence, let me pay this little tribute of love and appreciation and of best wishes to you for the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

GLENN D. ADAMS
Executive Secretary.

To

Lake View Presbyterian Church

Broadway at Addison Street
Chicago, Illinois

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October 13, 1941

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A group of thirty young people of the Lake View Church in Chicago attended the Sunday Evening Club service last evening to hear you. The young people responded to your message as you would want them to. It was an inspiring and helpful hour for all of us. If we had known how to manage it, we would have tried to meet you personally after the service. Perhaps another time that can be arranged.

Sincerely,

Clifford Earle
- minister.

JOHN HINSDALE SCHEIDE
TITUSVILLE, PA.

October 21, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am just home again and find your interesting letter of the 17th and I am delighted that you are willing to give me an opportunity to have even a modest share in so important a work as you and Dr. Irving are doing.

As I go to meetings of Presbytery and of Synod I am constantly running across what I feel to be an intellectual and spiritual hunger on the part of the men in the small rural churches. These men are so much cut off from the stimulation of "kindred minds" that a meeting of Presbytery is a real event at which they can discuss with their fellows some of their problems and gain renewed strength for their work from these contacts.

I am writing Dr. Irving to inquire how the check should be drawn and whether it should be sent to you or to him. You need therefore pay no further attention to this letter of mine.

After the Trustee - Faculty Dinner at Princeton last week I felt moved to advise with the President of the Seminary and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on your dissertation on "Ecumenicity" and I am authorized to break it to you gently that those two gentlemen are of the opinion that your Greek is getting a bit rusty.

It was a real delight to see you looking so well. I trust you will be good enough to remember both Mrs. Scheide and me very kindly to Mrs. Speer.

Cordially yours,

John H Scheide

PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD STREET AT PINE
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

RALSTON SMITH
MINISTER

October 24, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Spear
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Spear:

This is just a little note to express the appreciation of one of the men who were profited for having been with you the early part of this week. I was delighted with the privilege of fellowship with members of the Presbytery, many of whom are new and others with whom I have had very little contact in this brief time of my being in Harrisburg.

My outburst on Monday night was not merely the evidence of discouragement in this particular church but a questionas to the changing of a condition which is apparent to me in almost every church, a condition of indifference to the claims and implications of the gospel of Christ. It appears to me that a superficial acceptance of the facts of the Bible is agreed upon but the natural conclusions in the realm of faith and life are either repudiated or ignored.

Again thanks for your spiritual leadership and the keen insight which characterizes your explanation of the scriptures. It can be earnestly spoken that you are a benediction to the fellow workers in the gospel.

Yours sincerely,

Ralston

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS
EVANGELICAL CHURCH
THIRD AND REILY STREETS, HARRISBURG, PA.

October 24, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

Many people came to hear you speak at the Pennsylvania Sunday School Convention at Harrisburg, Pa. the first of this month. Some of the most thoughtful went away very much disappointed in your presentation.

Those of us who have looked to you and to your writings for years for safe guidance marveled that you should pass over the teachings of Jesus in developing the idea that the expressions of Christianity have been put into military language.

Was it because Jesus did not use this kind of language that you could not quote from his teachings to support your thesis? You quoted freely what people said about the Christian religion and Christ, but at no time did you quote from the lips of Christ himself. One was reminded of your book entitled "The Finality of Jesus Christ." Are his teachings to be set aside when one would wrap the garmet of Christianity around the bloody war system?

I am not a pacifist, but I regretted the way you ignored the teachings of Christ himself in your presentation.

I am writing this letter hoping that you will not repeat that address again without giving Christ a chance to say something about the problem.

Yours sincerely,

G. L. Schaller

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ALTER LOWRIE WHALLON, D. D.,
MINISTER
MANSE. 30 ROSEVILLE AVENUE

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LAURA EDNA HANNAHS
MARY CAMPBELL VEDDER
ASSISTANTS TO THE MINISTER

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October 24, 1941

ear Dr. Speer:

Last night I attended the funeral rvice of Rev Dr Clarence Woodruff, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church of Newark, d member of the Board of Foreign Missions the Methodist Church. The memorial ddress was tenderly and beautifully delivered Dr Victor Mills of Montclair, his very close iend. He dwelt upon two facts: he was not e a personal and intimate friend but he was public friend, that is, broad and approachable ell; and he was Christlike. In dwelling upon e latter, Dr Mills spoke of college boys in e room of one, in the evening of a day hen Dr Robert E. Speer had conducted a y of prayer in the college. One of the boys iftly said to the others, "I have been deeply impressed today. Somehow I can't but feel at Jesus was like Dr Speer." He then made ap- ation to Dr Woodruff.

It was a beautiful tribute to Dr oodruff. It was such a reference and ibute to you, that I am writing this letter to u to share with you. Your many friends ld you in this esteem as spoken by Dr Mills.

With very kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Whallon

Dr - Paul Abbott
Could call them
Dr Christ in Rome - Dr
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2610 Hoyt Ave.
Everett, Wn.
Oct. 27, 1941

Dear Dr. Speer,

I have been waiting until Robert (Edwin) Speer, my nephew, grew old enough to care for adult books. He reads far in advance of his age and is rather serious in temperment. I would like to give him the book (I'm sending in a seperate package) for Christmas.

Would you be so kind as to autograph it for him? He was named after his great uncle Robert who was a captain in the civil war and my father's favorite brother.

We have run fifty years to the generation in our side of the family and so my

father remembered the days when your grandfather was in China.

Your grandfather and ours were first cousins and must have known each other well.

Robert's grandfather would be ninety five now if alive. His childhood imagination must have been greatly stirred by the stories of your father and grandfather.

I stayed for a while at the missionary home in Shanghai during the summer of 1929. Many people spoke of you because my name reminded them of their pleasure in meeting you there.

Sincerely yours,
Minerva L. Speer

9 Park Place
Mystic
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:—

One of my older members placed in my hands a week ago your little book entitled "The Second Coming of Christ"—

I have read it three twice. I notice from the copyright it was published in 1903—

Now I am interested to know whether in the light of your studies of the New Testament for the past forty years you would hold today the same views as those expressed in your book were you to write on the same subject—

There is no doubt—in my mind that the New Testament writers expected a return of Jesus in some

form in their own day—

Could they have misinterpreted the words of Jesus in forming that opinion?

Your address to the Congl. Ministers at the Hartford Seminary in 1940 (September) helped me very much. It was sound in thesis and logical in development and aimed at the right goal.

England must win this war or the free life of the individual is lost for a hundred years.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon F. Bailey

Minister
To
the First Congl. Church of Stonington,

P.O. Mystic
Conn.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
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D'ISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS AND ANNUITIES
MISS RUTH ELLIOTT
W. REGINALD WHEELER
DIRECTORS

October 28,1941

Dr.Robert E.Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville,Connecticut.

Dear Dr.Speer:

Thank you for your good letter which reached me last week. Dr.Schell led the prayer meeting last Friday, and, in the course of his remarks, he referred to you and said no one who had ever talked with you but came away a better man for the experience. This I thought was quite a tribute from one who at times was "Leader of the Opposition". I am sending along this verbal bouquet to add to your collection of fall flowers.

As ever yours,

W. Reg Wheeler

W.Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO
HOWARD D. TALBOTT, MINISTER

November 5

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Dr. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your messages at Canton were just what I needed. I am going to feed upon them for some time to come. I needed the message about the Bible and the message about the doctrine of hope in the Bible. If you would send me "The Life of George Bowen" I will get into it at once and make permanent the blessings I have received, with the thought of course that we can share them with others. With every good wish.

Sincerely,

Howard D. Talbott

HDT:RHC

First Presbyterian Church

Wm. L. WOODALL, Minister
54 EAST WILSON AVE.
GIRARD, OHIO
PHONE 5-6558

November 6, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Any attempt on my part to express the feeling of appreciation that I have toward you for the inspiring twenty-four hours I, with others, spent with you on Monday and Tuesday of this week would fall short in a most miserable degree of its intended mark. I rest my case on the assumption that you in your God-given capacity for insight and understanding could feel your power going out from yourself to those who heard you much in the manner in which Christ must have felt power leave him when the hem of his garment was touched. Surely, by this time, even your humility of spirit does not make you unaware of your position and the respect with which you are held.

I was overwhelmed by your generous offer at the luncheon table on Tuesday to send your biography of George Bowen to anyone who would write you for it and promise you to read it. I doubt if there was a man present on Monday night who did not have a burning desire to read that book long before you had finished speaking. I, too, desire a copy that you have so graciously offered. I will promise to read it. Preach a sermon on it? From what I could gather there must be a lifetime of material there for sermons. Yes, I'll even preach on it; not once but many times. Would I be asking too much if I requested your signature in the copy I hope to receive? If I am not, please do.

Please accept my thanks again for a grand experience at Canton this week. I hope that God in His infinite mercy will give you many years of health yet. You are needed in this world now. Your kind is ever a necessity in any age.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. L. Woodall

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JAMES WILSON BEAN, PASTOR
CANTON, OHIO

Nov. 7th '41

My dear Robert Speer—

It did me a world of good to see you and to hear your helpful messages the first of this week. The Lord has made you a genuine Barnabas to us all.

I shall be pleased to receive a copy of "The Life of George Bowen" if one is still available and shall consider myself privileged to read it. I was deeply moved by your story and shall share it with others.

Sincerely — James W. Bean

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November 18th, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

My dear Dr. Speer:

I would have you know, in a more formal way, something of my personal appreciation and that of the churches in Pennsylvania, for the help you are ever giving us. I hear many encouraging words from the young men who sit under you, in Seminars with George Irving. Your presence in Philadelphia Presbytery's Spiritual Retreat as well as the celebration of Clarion, mean much to us. We have responsibilities to bear and loads to lift in our great Synod and church. No one senses this more than I and it means more, likely, than you and other friends appreciate, who come in to help us.

I pray you may look back with much satisfaction on your efforts in our behalf during this Autumn and early winter in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

W M Cleaveland

W. M. Cleaveland

WMC:EA

Rev. John Calvin Goddard
Salisbury, Connecticut

Nov. 18. '41

Dear Dr. Spear:

I envy the people who will hear you preach Thanksgiving Day! We are spending the day in Cheshire, with two children's families.

I do not forget that I still have your "Finality of Christ" in my possession. It has been a means of grace to me, tho' I did not need the force of the argument to assure me of the fact!

Wishing you as much
blessing from others as you
impart yourself,

I am Gratefully Yours

Chas Calvin Goddard

Brown Memorial Church
BALTIMORE, MD.

CHURCH HOUSE 1316 PARK AVENUE

November 28, 1941

My dear Dr. Speer:

It is grand to know about the Memorial Service for Father on January 7th, and that you are to give the Memorial Address.

I do not seem to have kept many letters from Father. I am sending you the few that I do have, together with one or two other things that you might care to see.

There are so many personal reminiscences that I would not know where to begin or how to stop. Every one of us knows that all the rest of our lives we shall be discovering how much has been given to us by Father's unconscious influence and by the privilege of intimate relationship with him through so many years.

It surely is good to have Betty and Bill in Baltimore.

Please give lots of love to Mrs. Speer.

Yours affectionately,

Guthrie Speers

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 2, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I thought you might be interested in a comment we received today on A CENTURY OF PROGRESS film -

"I remember seeing a few years ago, when you celebrated your hundredth anniversary, the fine moving picture entitled, I beleive "A Century of Progress" with Dr. Speer the narrator. It made a lasting impression upon me and gave me, since at that time I was a student at Princeton Seminary, a clearer understanding of missions with which to embark upon my ministry."
In January, the week of the 18th we are to have a school of Missions here at our church, and I wondered whether it would be possible for us to have the use of that picture on Friday night, January 23."

So you see it was worth all of our effort and interest, wasn't it ?

Please give my regards to Mrs. Speer and know that we never forget you.

Sincerely yours,

Verna Lotz

Mrs. Verna Lotz

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Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky
December 5, 1941

Dear Dr Speer,

Thank you. Thank you for the delightful fellowship and inspiration of our Seminar at Bowling Green. I have been reviewing my notes and I just couldn't resist taking a few moments of your time to tell you how very much good you did for me through the talks and very practical suggestions you contributed to the discussions. You can be sure of one thing, I'll know more about Chinese Gordon before many years pass, after hearing you tell of him in a way that only you can do.

I believe that I can safely say that those two days were of the most profitable that I have ever spent.

Sincerely,
J Edgar Tweddle

~~Miss~~ AMANDA HOLGREN
205 EAST 78 STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December 26 —

my Dear Dr Speer

I wish you could know how
happy you made me to received
Xmas gift from you and the
lovely note you send me, my
eart was in my Eyes to think you
ll remember me, there is few are
to think of our Loved ones but
e day we all shall meet them —
rs Kennedys last word was
— goes in another room and
se the door and meet her
ved ones and wait for me
hope I can leave up to what

she wanted me to do, and
can see how happy she was when
so Mrs Spear called on her she
then said Dear friends and
so true) Xmas time is said
but still very happy happy
we are all well and thank
you over again the beautiful
little cover from Indian I have
on my little table I can only
said a plain thank you
but it means so much kind
regards to Mrs Spear
and a very happy New Year
always faithfully yours
Amanda

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The Western Theological Seminary

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I wish to add to our wish for a Merry Christmas, my own sense of obligation to you for your messages in our recent "campaign" together. By our faith & life were enriched & our fellowship both in the meetings & in our informal talks, including, of course, George's witty & wholesome vision in this.

With heavy good wishes,

Yours,

John

SAMUEL GUY INMAN
PONDFIELD COURT
BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK

Dec 29, 1941

N ERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
2 HARE BLD., PHILADELPHIA

YALE UNIVERSITY
4 PROSPECT ST., NEW HAVEN

Dearest Friend:

Thank you so much for the history of American Catholicism. I will read it with deep interest. A group of gentlemen from this notably Catholic and Christian organization are as active as in the days of the Panama and Montevideo Conferences in keeping me down and out of everything they possibly can. And their power in every department of life – even in a Methodist University, I found the other day, is enormous. Rabbi Wise, with whom I have become closely related in work for Jewish refugees, said to me confidentially that if he had power of choosing defeat of Hitler or the Pope, he would choose the latter. Hitler is sure of defeat anyway, but the other gentleman seems destined to go on duping the world for centuries.

But this is not Christmasy! I was glad to read your note, just arrived that you had twelve at your board. We felt one short, eleven. But no little ones! All our children and in-laws are a great comfort, with fine moral, Christian stamina.

I'm starting out this week on a little book on "Which Way America After the War?" – a study on World and American Peace in a New World Order to be ready by Feb 1st; then a high school text on L. Amer. ready by May 1st.; then about June 1st for lecturing and teaching in California for two or half months. DV!

This is all plus Mondays at Yale, Wednesdays at the GP and other lectures & articles, plus what war work one is called upon ~~to do~~.

I'm no doubt that your program – as it always did – makes mine look like a holiday! But its lots of fun. And old and new friends from Greenland to Magellan, in church, university, government, international, refugee, radio and other circles give me a constant review of the world, with its joys and sorrows, suspense and hopes. I have simplified life greatly, no auto, no secretary, no typewriter, few committees, my baggage a brief case, my office a vest pocket diary. With all my travel I never get a reservation in advance (so can go whenever I get ready), no engagements missed for many a day, no colds or headaches (physical or mental), a firm belief in God and a Greater Day to come! As for the war, I hope the sure defeat of the totalitarians will not be until we of the democracies have repented of our sins and sacrificed the necessary for a new of Justice and brotherhood.

The Apers are always a part of our Christmas and your lovely assurance that its the same with you at Rockledge as far as we are concerned is a continued joy. Affectionately Guy

M. C. MIGEL
654 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 31st
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Dear Dr. Speer:

> "If a Nation values anything more than Freedom, it will lose its Freedom, and the irony of it is, that if it is comfort or material things that it values more, it will lose those, too."

How true!

With the whole world in travail, -- a very, very Happy New Year we cannot have -- nor do we expect it -- but suppose I wish for you a Victorious New Year --

-- A Victorious New Year -- in which we shall all cheerfully share sacrifices -- even perils -- united solidly and profoundly in the bonds of truth and affection (for no one goes his way alone) --

-- A year in which we shall see the light, overcome our weaknesses, and muster our strength -- both physical and of the soul.

Then, indeed, shall we have a Happy New Year.

I combine these wishes in this,
my New Year Greeting to you.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Migel

Dr. Robert E. Speer
24 Gramercy Park
New York, N. Y.

"Dogmatism gives place to questioning, and questioning is the end to prayer."—John Buchan.

Thank you sincerely for your church in war-time 8 pm. Peace Tribune of Jan. The best & most inclusive statement anywhere. It has the ring of Calvin plus the manliness & understanding of Christ . . . We are at last moved -

Sincerely -
Jesse.

946 Chalmers Pl. Chicago.

JESSE HALSEY, ~~2726 Cleinview Avenue, Cincinnati~~

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

212 S. Euclid Ave Pasadena Cal

Feb. 12th 1942

Robert E. Speer, D.D. Secy Emer.

Dear Friend:

I know you are still active and busy but felt you would be pleased to hear from some of us veteran workers who have found a re[illegible] in this most delightful climate. The enclosed card is an afterthought of a group of 1898ers who had a get-together and get acquainted luncheon Feb. 4th. We recalled the days of our youth and decided to send greetings to you and Dr. A. J. Brown and as many of our group as we could - about 1/3 of us are living. I do not know how many were sent out in '98 but there were 40 some at that first Conference for the out going workers. The Douglass' and Miss Turner sailed earlier

Mary F. Turner, Mexico Jan 6. 1898 – 31 Jan 1938

W. S. Lehman Africa Sept 30. '98. retired July 1

Anna M Lehman " " " '99

C. W. Douglass, China, Apl 1898–1933.

Joia Silva Douglass " "

Ida Luther Cousland, Oct. 1898.

Mary Park Jordan } Oct. 20, 1898

Samuel Martin Jordan } Jan. 6, 1941

Emma E Fleming China Sept 19, '98 – Nov '37

Pasadena, Cal. Feb. 4th 1942.

d Mrs. Rees F. Edwards, China
d Mrs Walter S. Lee Columbo
rs W. M. Campbell China
rs J. G. Dunlop Japan
rs Grace Glenn Foy "
w — Boppel Africa
e all we could locate. Are
ere others who resigned earlier
t we overlooked?
ide from Ida Luther Courland who
badly crippled with arthritis the
t of the ones here in Pasadena
e fairly well and active. Dr. Jordan
s been especially acceptable as
speaker this winter, she also going
various groups. I spent three years
service in Arizona but retired
e last fall.
We send you warm greetings and
r prayers for the abundant life
d so beautifully typify till we
l come into His presence with joy.
know whom we have believed and
it in Hope of His appearing
you ever come to this Mecca
Missionaries? Most Cordially for
the group Emma E. Fleming

G. H. MARTIN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

March 5, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
c/o Rev. John G. King
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Dr. Speer:

As one of the heathen let me welcome you to Fort Lauderdale. No doubt there are many others who appreciate the good influence you had in their lives.

I shall never forget your masterful address at the Student Volunteer Convention at Des Moines following Christmas 1919, on "The Imminence of God"; nor your strong appeal a few nights later; nor the challenge you later gave at Ohio University at the Vocational Guidance Conference in which you stated that we had to choose between a life of indulgence and acquisition and a life of sacrifice and service; nor the inspiring biographical sketch of Ion Keith Falconer whose life I have held up to several subsequent audiences of boys as my ideal.

If there is anything I can do to make your visit here pleasant, I shall be happy to help.

Yours very respectfully,

GHM:vdw

G. H. Martin

LTER LOWRIE WHALLON, D. D.,
MINISTER
MANSE, 30 ROSEVILLE AVENUE

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TELEPHONE HUMBOLDT 3-3361

LAURA EDNA HANNAHS
MARY CAMPBELL VEDDER
ASSISTANTS TO THE MINISTER

Wednesday March 18, 1942.

ear Dr. Speer,

I am writing to express
y gratitude to you for coming to our
ewark churches and for your
emorable messages. These will
ever be forgotten by many who
ard you. I am thankful indeed for
e help which came to me personally.
have been facing my tasks with
ew courage and purpose.

It gave me pleasure to
rry your greetings to the members
the Board on Monday. The work of
e Personnel Department was the
ain of the day at three o'clock. As
e chairman I presided that hour,
hich gave me the opportunity to
ote briefly from your Sunday morning
ermon as your message to our
oard at this time. Your greetings
ere appreciatively received.

I am enclosing check
r $205 brought to me tonight by
r. Findley, Treasurer for our meetings.

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he thank offerings totaled $200. The
ip the modest amount you
ought would cover your travel. I
ish the amount might have been
uch larger. Your ministry meant
o much to us.

Why our church cared for your
tel expense. We do hope you were
ite comfortable in every way.
Mrs Whallon and I would have been so
lad to have you in our home. Caring
or this particular item leaves us
he thought that we were at least
roviding hospitality during your
ell too short visit.

My Session last night requested
e to express our sincere appreciation
all your messages but especially for
hat fine Sunday morning.

I trust you will have a pleasant
ip to Chicago. I know your messages
ill be a source of rich spiritual
lessing.

Our prayer will be that God will
ant you many more years of your
onsecrated service and far reaching
inistry. Mrs Whallon joins me in
ery kindest regards. Cordially yours,

Walter L. Whallon.

JOHN HINSDALE SCHEIDE
TITUSVILLE, PA.

March 14, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A letter just received from Dr. George Irving informs me that you and he have returned from the series of conferences you had with ministers who feel themselves caught in a great eddy. Dr. Irving transmits with his letter a note from you. I want to take this earliest occasion to tell you how grateful I am to learn that you have made the trip safely and to thank you for the immeasurable contribution which I know your enthusiasm and richness of experience has meant in the lives of so many of those men who are in the lonely places. It was indeed a wonderful service and the Church can not be grateful enough that you were willing to undertake it.

Mrs. Scheide joins me in greetings to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

Very cordially yours,

John H. Scheide

AMPERE PARKWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

209 AMPERE PARKWAY
BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

REV. ALEXANDER CAIRNS, LL. D., MINISTER
TELEPHONE BLOOMFIELD 2-3416

T. BUSSE, CLERK OF SESSION. C. E. HALLER, PRES. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. T. L. WARREN, CHURCH TREASURER.

March 25,1942

Dear Dr.Speer:-

Cheerup! You don't have to answer this.

I have resigned my pastorate here to take effect on May 1st when my wife and I will go to live on our farm at Richmond,Maine. I'm 70 years old,going on 150.

And before I go I want to say a word to you. And although I'm a wild Irishman,born in Ireland when I was a boy,yet I assure you what I have to say is not blarney.

For more than 25 years I have thought of you as America's greatest Christian. You have no idea what an inspiration you have been to me ever since that golden time when I heard you on the Four Gospels at the Y.M.C.A.summer conference at Lake Geneva,Wis.about 1894. Then is when you introduced me to the finest Christian poem ever written,Bessie Miller's "Coming."

During your recent week with the Newark church I was present at every meeting but one. Your sermons were masterpieces of Olivet Heights and when you had done Christ was inescapable. God bless you for that Holy Week!

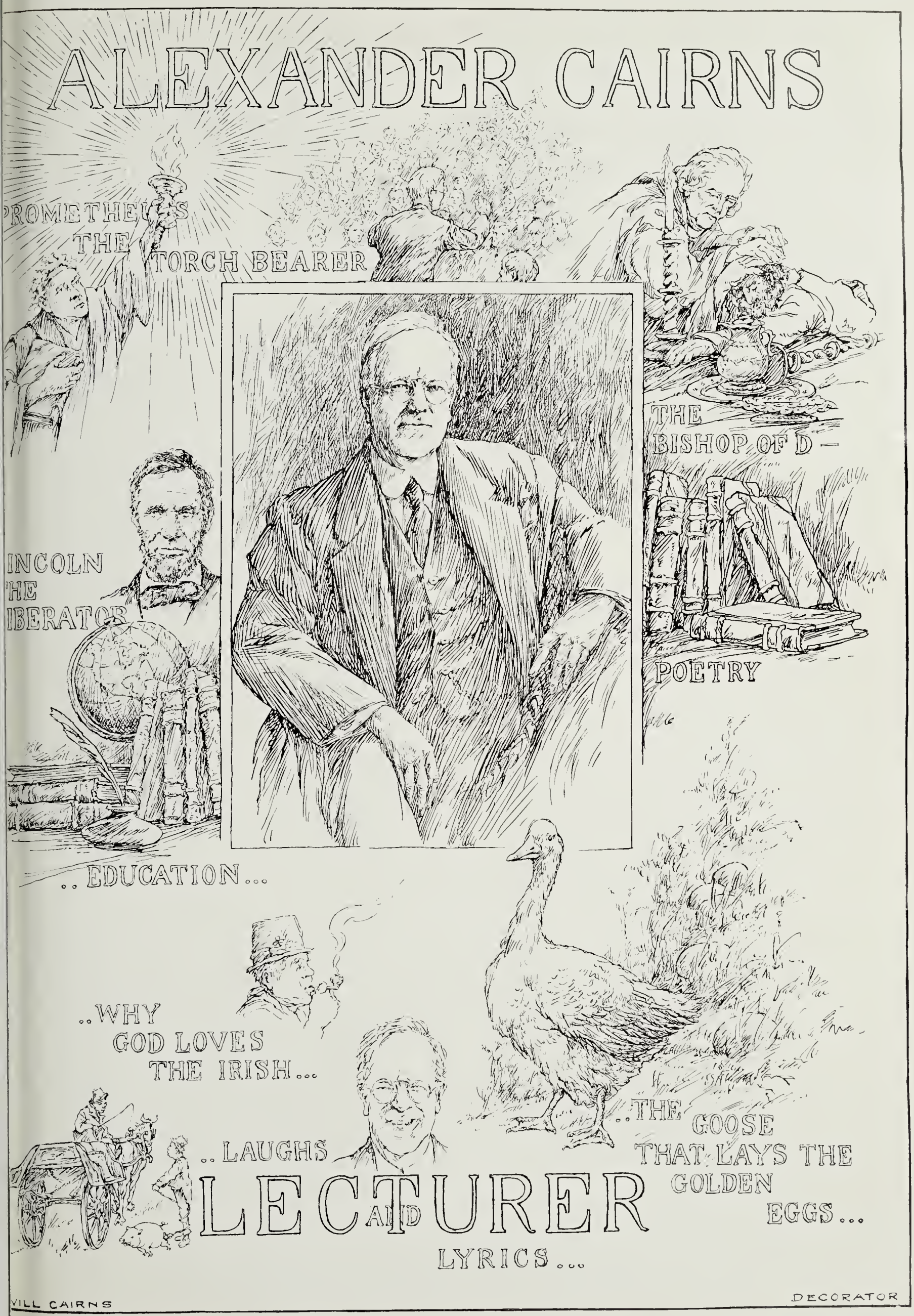
I have no doubt,Doctor,that this letter is only one of countless thousands you receive from people to whom you have been an inspiration. You remind me of the golden words of Emerson:

"We mark with light in the memory the few interviews we have had,in the dreary years of routine and of sin,with souls that made our souls wiser,that spoke what we thought,that told us what we knew,that gave us right to be what we inly were. Discharge to men the priestly office, and present or absent you shall be followed by their love as by an angel."

Sincerely,

Alexander Cairns

Alexander Cairns


ALEXANDER CAIRNS
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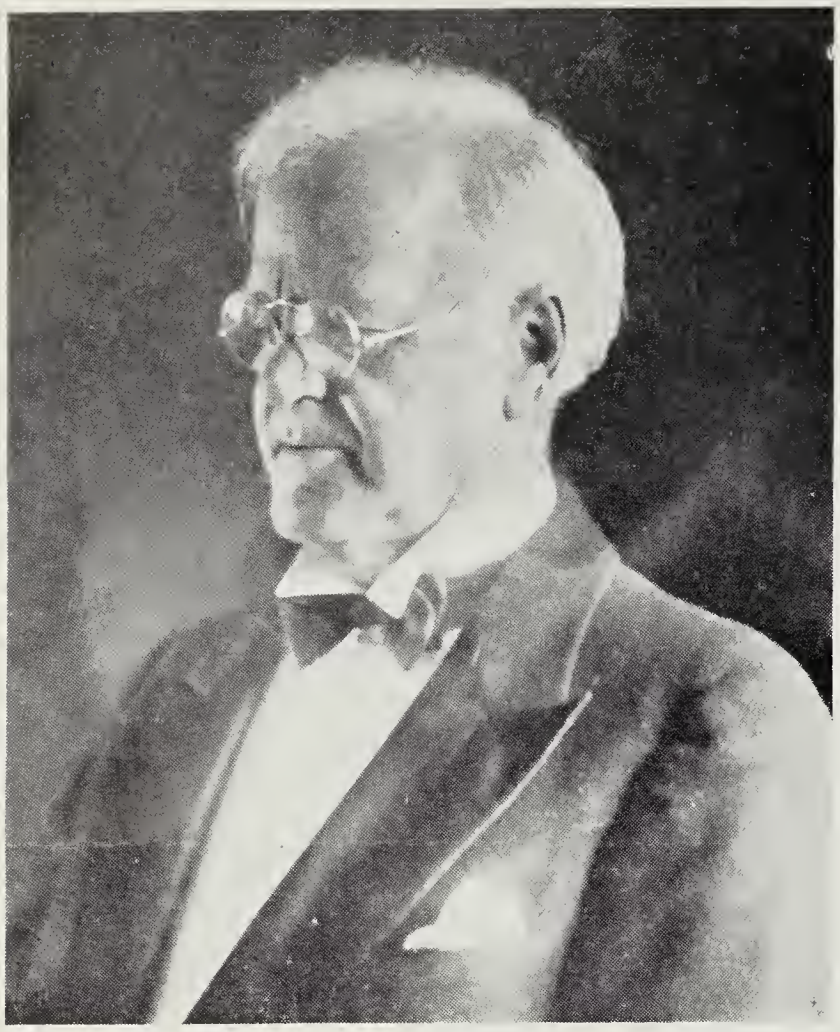


Dr. Alexander Cairns

In the census of human service Dr. Cairns, who carries the collegiate degrees, M. A., B. D., LL.D., is listed as Teacher, Clergyman, Poet, Lecturer, Columnist, Recitalist, Irish Philosopher, Humorist and After Dinner Speaker. See America's Who's Who. He was a college professor in America and the Dean of a school in Japan. He is the author of the syndicated column, "Right Angles." He has lectured in every state and Canada. During the World War he was under Herbert Hoover speaking on food problems. He has memorized 500 poems and gives frequent recitals. He is a naturalist and knows the birds of America. He is an Irishman and mixes humor, pathos and logic with a generous hand.

Dr. Cairns gave us the best Commencement address we ever had.—Supt. Budahn, Pottsville, Pa.

Your address was a masterpiece of intellect, feeling, courage and humor.—Dr. Will Durant.

Dr. Cairns has the eloquence of Ingersoll, the dignity of Bryan and the pep of Billy Sunday.—H. L. Cope.

There are but few people in this world who can make literature a living subject. One of them is Dr. Cairns. His "Laughs and Lyrics" kept an audience of more than 1400 young people thrilled and spellbound with interest. We want him again and again.

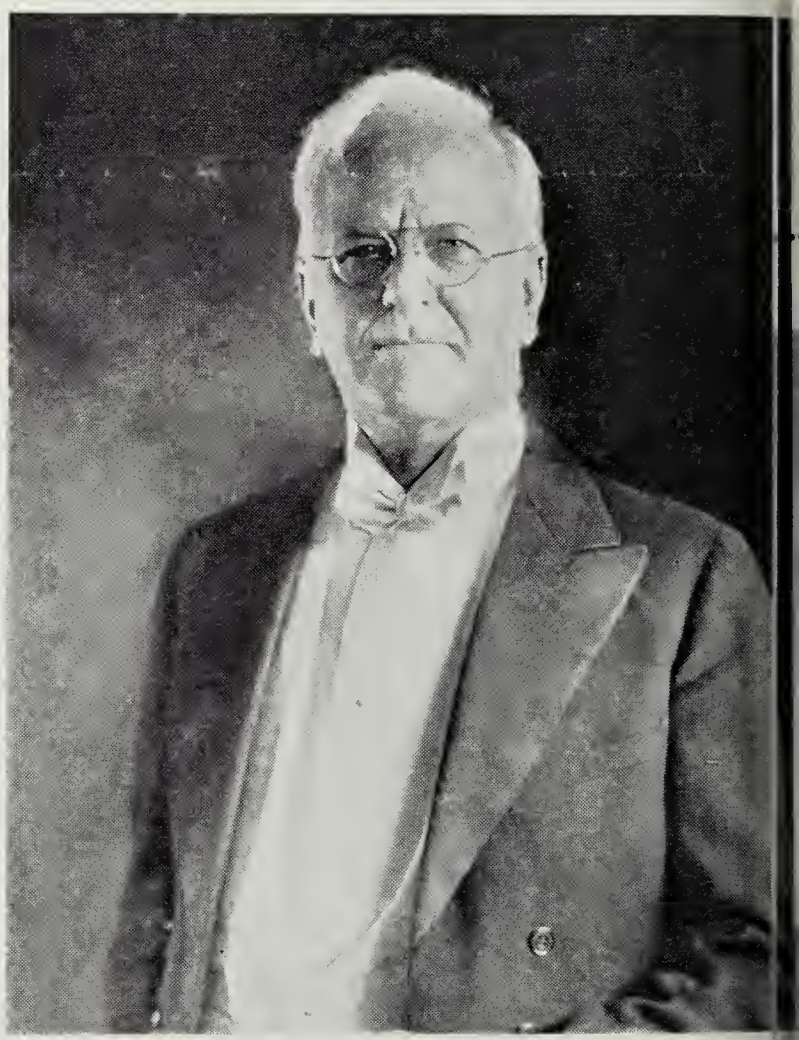
PROF. WILLIAM WIENER,
Principal Central High School, Newark, N. J.

After his speech before the annual banquet of the Orpheus Club of Newark, N. J. the chairman said: "All the members of the Orpheus Club who wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Cairns for his inspiring message signify it by rising." And every man didn't merely rise, but got on the table and cheered to the echo.

Carl Bannwart, Pres.

Your address at our temple last Tuesday gave us a tremendous inspiration. May I say that you are the most remarkable combination of humorist and inspiring lecturer that I have ever heard. This I say deliberately after having heard you a number of times.

RABBI MARIUS RANSON,
Sharey Tefilo Temple, East Orange, N.J.



Resolved, that we, the members of the Presbyterian Union of Newark, having listened to Dr. Cairns' presentation of "The Bishop of D-" with thrilled interest, do hereby express our appreciation of not only a brilliant display of scintillating rhetoric, but a great spiritual uplift, and that we heartily recommend that our Christian friends everywhere give themselves the intellectual pleasure and the spiritual profit that has come to us this evening of October the 22nd, in the year of our Lord—whom we love the more for this sermon in literature — 1934.

Presented by Robert Scott Inglis, D.D.
And unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

After Dr. Cairns delivered the Commencement address at Goldey College, Wilmington, Del. the President, Dr. W. E. Douglas, wrote: "You made a fine impression."

Subjects

MY LIFE IN JAPAN

Laughs and Lyrics
A Recital of Poems and Jokes

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Why God Loves the Irish
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Lincoln the Liberator
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The Goose That Lays the Golden Eggs
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The Light Bringer
Educational Commencements

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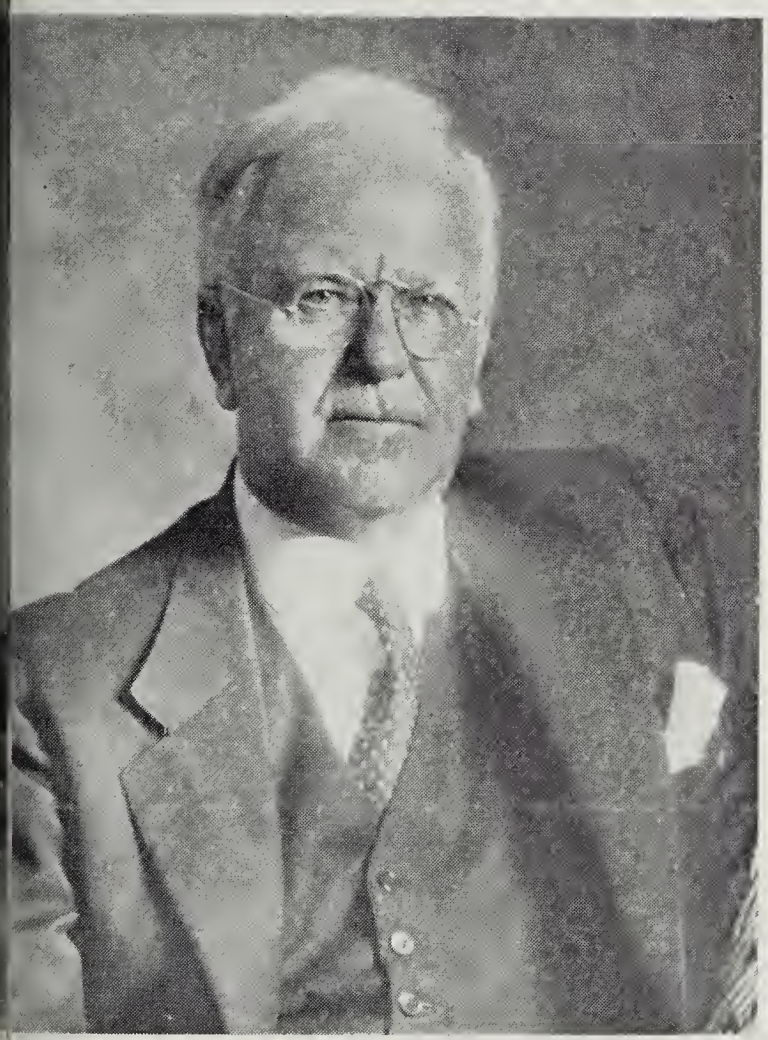


have heard the great speakers of my time, Beecher, Gough, Ingersoll, Woolley and all the rest, but I never heard anything to beat Dr. Cairns' speech. It was splendid in delivery, rhetoric, marshalling of facts, directness, interest, wit and humor and in every way. I think I would give all I have if I could do a thing like that.

DAVIS W. LUSK, D. D.
Stated Clerk Presbytery of Newark

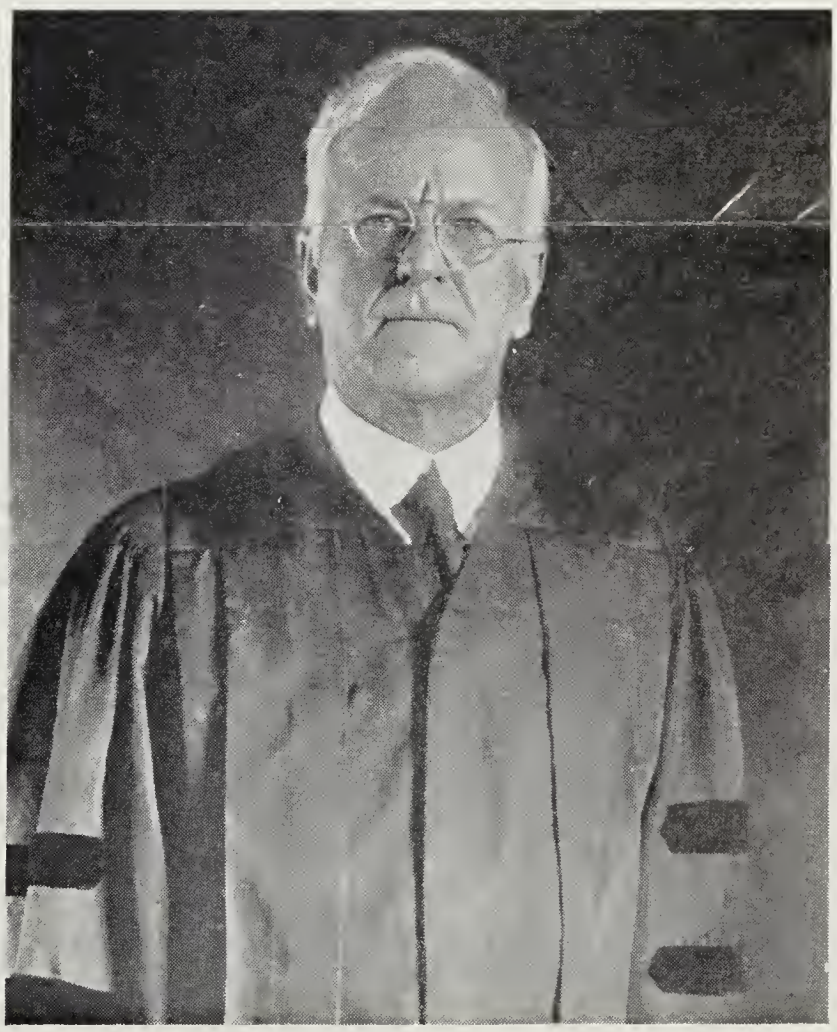
Dr. Cairns, who spoke at the banquet of the Civic Association last night, has a marvellous gift of oratory. It was a Niagara of eloquence, wit and humor.

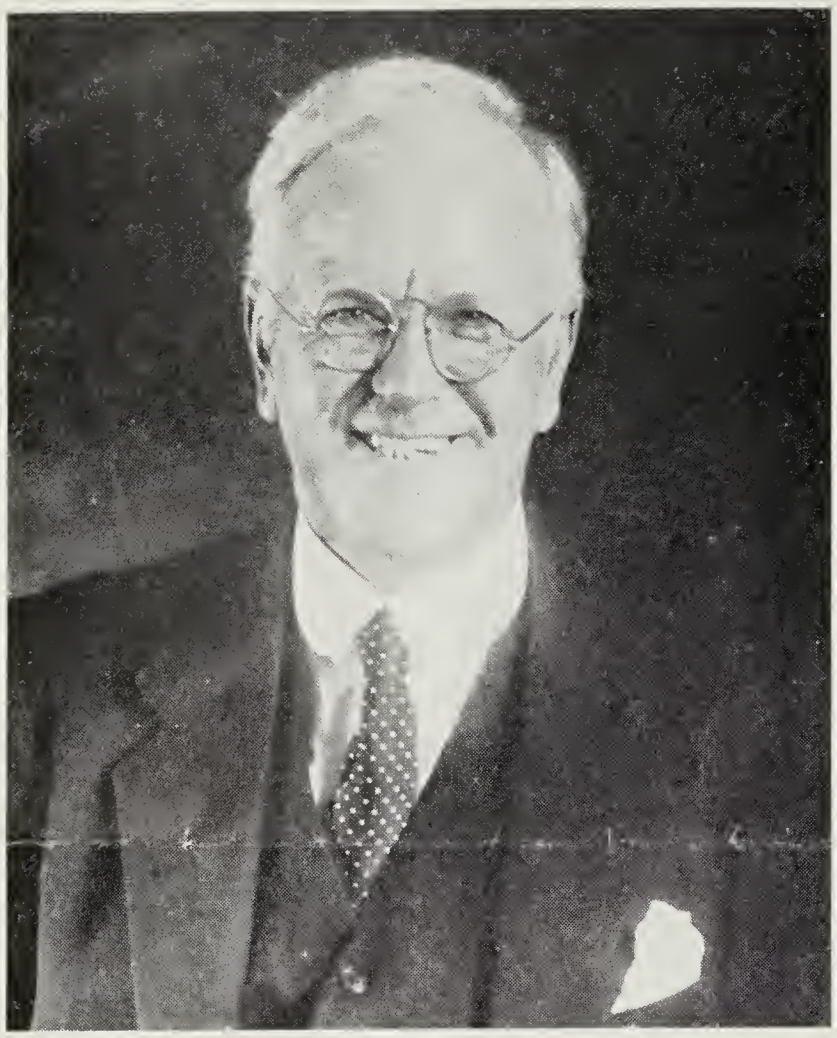
THE PRESS, Mahanoy City, Pa.

Dr. Alexander Cairns certainly struck fire with his after-dinner speech at the Lincoln Birthday banquet of Group 2, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. Our meeting was brought to a successful climax by that wonderful orator.

J. E. FERGUSON, Secretary

The death of Elbert Hubbard had left a big void that discerning editors had been trying to fill for years. Finally one of them came across some of the writings of Dr. Cairns and said, "The mantle of Elbert Hubbard has fallen upon Cairns." KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, New York





Governor Harold G. Hoffman

of New Jersey, who now and then asks Dr. Cairns to substitute for him on the public platform, says: "I have had the pleasure many times of hearing Dr. Cairns and I consider him one of the finest public speakers in the nation. He encompasses a wide field of subjects which are treated in a way that stirs men's souls yet with a degree of humor and sound and kindly philosophy that constantly reminds his hearers that he is human and lovable."

Your wonderful address at our Los Angeles Convention was real brain food we shall long remember. You preached us a wonderful sermon without the long black coat and the white lawn ecclesiastical neck tie; you entertained us with witticisms minus the cap and bells of the platform jester of today. You brought us a real timely message without the effect of a canned lecture.

JULIEN C. HYER,
Past Pres. Lions International

The address of Dr. Cairns at our Commencement, June 21st, was one of the most outstanding and adaptable addresses I've ever heard delivered to a Commencement audience. The school directors were high in their compliments and enjoyed it immensely. We certainly thank the Bureau for sending such an A No. 1 speaker.

C. I. MADEIRA,
City Supt. Gloucester City, N. J.

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God Bless America

J. H. Burgess, Editor, Lecturer and Poe says: Dr. Cairns has been the principa speaker at our annual Kiwanis banque eleven times. And his last address wa his greatest. "God Bless America," de livered by Dr. Cairns, in my opinion ha never been surpassed in recent years an I have heard them all since the days o William Jennings Bryan.

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Schoolmen's Club, New York City
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N. J. State Lion's Convention
Altoona, Pa. American Business Club
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New York University
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Baptist Social Union Philadelphia
Pennsylvania Title Association
Newark, N. J. Traffic Club Banquet
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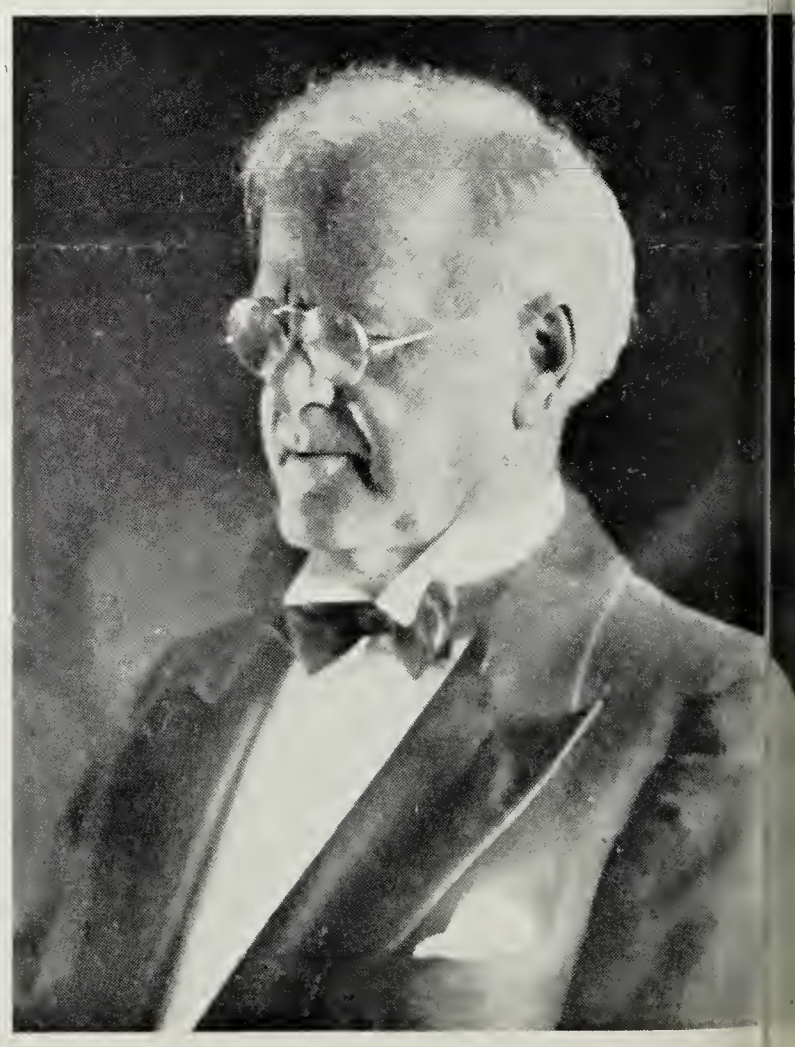

3 Concord Ave
Cambridge -
Mass
March 25th/42

Dear Dr. Speer,

It was good to hear - and see you again this afternoon - I saw the notice of services in the Boston Sunday Herald, and was so thankful to see that your subject was to be "Consider Jesus Christ", the great subject of God's Word - Moreover my own soul has in the past weeks greatly refreshed in seeing Him more clearly, through the epistle to the Hebrews, in His present ministry and noting how the writer reminds us of the need of "considering Him", of "looking unto Him" -

Was thankful for the point that put so clearly that His present

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How strongly Hebrews brings th
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the time when He will accomplish
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It is of inexpressible comfort to
these days to know that He
will appear again, and th
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even now overrules — an
will yet be "King of Kings a
Lord of Lords" —

Do you know the enclose
lines by Bishop Badley (re
of Bishop Thoburn and Bi
Isabella Thoburn)?

India is much on my heart
days; I do hope Sir Stafford Cr
Mission may be of help in unif
all parties — Yours sincere
Edith H. Bre

illiam Ward Davis
Associate Minister

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March 28, 1947

Dear Doctor Poor: —

As Easter draws near, I turn again and again to the four little pages you had printed after your boy's home-going. And I want you to know, at Easter, that your example of faith has been a true help to me. Your forthright words at our Conference did more good than you can imagine, in counteracting the compromising spirit of a certain group that talked in corners. You said just the word needed at the right moment.

Mrs. Burrell and I are here until the middle of May, at least. Can't you name a pastor for this big, hungry Church?

God be with you and yours at this season and always,

Faithfully, David Jones Burrell

always write to my children:
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H. C. COLEMAN
1521 PACKARD BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

1326 De Kalb St
Norristown, Pa.

[My "secretary" is like Sheridan's not this saying that was — but "20 miles away"]

April 16, 1942.

Dear Mr. Speer, and of course, Mrs. Speer:

I don't know what lovely inspiration made you send me the Scotch-Irish booklet. It did me good. You are sitting up very erect at the Speakers' Table, but Mrs. Speer I cannot find in the group - unless indeed she has had her hair dyed bluish-black and is cuddling among those ladies at the table at your feet,- which seems improbable.

It almost provoked, in return, my little monograph on my Grandfather, John Turnbull Jr., who was for fifty years treasurer, and for two years president, of the Saint Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

But I refrain. A "monograph" is so called, I strongly suspect, because only one person ever reads it,- the writer. It will suffice that we all agree that the thrifty, belligerent and taciturn Scots are also the gentlest, most generous and most tender-hearted of persons. (I do regret that your great-grandfather "on landing in Baltimore, went at once" - to somewhere else!)

You must have learned to control your rage on Graham of Claverhouse as we did on "Butcher Cumberland" of Glencoe, the wife and mother respectively who accompanied my grand and great-grandfathers, being a Macdonald.

At any rate the booklet came at the most fortuitous moment for me, for my little Scottish son John Macdonald is having his engagement announced tomorrow - you may see it in the N. Y. Times - to another valiant little Scot,- Agnes Macdonough Agar - (and if I can guess anything about those Macdonoughs they must once have been part of Clan Macdonald, lang syne. Agnes is almost as tall as Jock - and juist as stubborn,- it should be a graund marriage.) Agnes' grandfather at Princeton is Dr. Scott, Professor emeritus of Paleontology (?).

It will be a "war wedding" of course, "any day between now and September", as the groom and best man, (Hig),- also any possible ushers or fiancés of bridesmaids, if not already in the army, expect to be inducted into it by May or June.

I thought of you on the upland station platform at Albuquerque when we stopped there in February - and wondered how you do it. (I must only for health, + fell into bed with the flu on arrival at the coast + was thus present at the "shelling" of Santa Barbara — but you go for Duty — + go right on).

Dr. Speer. April 16, 1942

Mrs. George Irving is coming to see me today with Mrs. King, who has returned from China. While in California I discovered Mr. and Mrs. John Pettus,- (he is the rector of All Saints Church in Montecito, thirty-four years old);- and with the name, I heard in memory a Southern boy's voice (of which I had thought but seldom certainly, in the intervening thirty-six years),- that of Mr. William B. Pettus - who gave an out-going-student-message at Nashville,-and of course it turned out to be the Rector's father, (leaped thus from age twenty-four to sixty); and of course a few Sundays later we all sat down to dinner at the Rectory across the years;- because the elder Mr. Pettus, (who has trained five thousand missionaries and a number of the State Department,- while I did nothing,- has had his school transferred to the University of California at Berkeley, (as you doubtless know), and was visiting the son's family in Montecito with very lovely Mrs. Pettus, (who by the way was brought up in Japan with my friend, Mrs. Charles Edmunds (née Katharine Pomeroy) of Pomona College, who played the piano at my wedding.) Another Pettus son is a doctor at Changsha - Yale-in-China,- as you also doubtless know. I hope you know these Pettuses.

These occasions, not unlike Heaven, I believe, and entirely undeserved by me-, tend to confirm one's faith. (At least "time and distance tend to vanish 'tween the Pettuses and me".)

We spoke a great deal of dear Marnie, whom they know quite well, and I am sure you know that I remember her every day; and feel that a good miracle of God will bring her through, in her great service in China. "Who would true valour know",- let him look thither.

Much love to you all,

Helen Waite Coleman.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge, Lakeville,
Connecticut.

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Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
I56 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

(R.C.Gilmore
SALES-PRIORITIES DIVISION.)

My dear Doctor Speer - and brother"pros aretes epimaleion"- though I may presume too much : but hope that I do not intrude a useless question.

You will remember me I believe, from these older lónks and from some talks in your Office and at the edge of platforms * * * I am a cousin, or was, to the late Robert P. Wilder, from whom Mother used to say I was named !

Various reasons have drawn me, for nearly two years, into a layman-like observation of these past four subverting years. Whether EOTHEN comes from Prof. E. G. Coy, or "Limpy" Reynolds of Yale, it is my chief wonder - and that of about every one else who tries to look at what used to be the Future. * * * For a particular purpose, widely away from anything I ever did before (tho' most of my life has gone into type, proofs, writing & thelike) all my reading and reflecting has drawn one conclusion.

This, in brief, is for an Econimico-Religoso-Humanistic attack on the enemy of truth and progress - the destroyer of Faiths and Daily Bread ! - and upon two or three points it seems to me that there is something new, perhaps af appeal to others than the possibly deluded proposer of them.

May I ask you three questions :

> Do you believe that the restoration of the integrity of Man and of his Nations, Faiths and Industry is coming ?
>
> When ? - is the time to integrate and begin a movement for such re-establishment Now; while War is at our doors ?
>
> What, may I ask, is your idea from your wide-world viewpoints, of the certainty of Peace : for how long : for the World perhaps, under the banner of an agreed and democratic Union of the better - and we believe - the larger part of Humanity ?

It will be a very great favor if you can take a bit of time to help me to solve certain things I have been thinking, talking and writing about, for longer than I have taken for anything Ø - outside business and family - in several years.

With my thanks, and great respect,

Faithfully yours, R. C. Gilmore

C. F. GATES
~~P. O. BOX 217~~
~~PRINCETON, N. J.~~
1640 E. 3rd. Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

April 17, 1942.

Dear Robert Speer:

I thank you for your kind note of the 13th. I think of you and Mrs. Speer in your beautiful home in Lakeville with joy and affection.

It was quite a wrench to tear myself away from the friends in the east. I did not come here for the sake of the climate. When my son Caleb became Chancellor of Denver University he entreated me to come and live with him. He said my counsel, because of the years had given me wisdom. I find in Denver wider opportunities for usefulness. The opportunities for public speaking are limited by my strength. I have friendships with Jewish Rabbis, with Dean Roberts of St. John's Cathedral, Raymond Waser of Plymouth Congregational Church and Martin Anderson, of the Central Presbyterian Church. The Denver papers are kind to me, and I write for them.

I wish I had strength to do more, but I cannot be content with just growing old decently.

But I rely on God to guide and empower. In the Koran there is a verse: There is no might nor power save in God most high. How this parallels our: Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit!

Affectionately yours

C. F. Gates.

OMAHA AREA
THE METHODIST CHURCH

I C. MARTIN
ent Bishop

512 Omaha Natl. Bank Bldg.
Omaha, Nebraska

April 21, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Upon inquiry at the Association Press I find that the pamphlet "How to Deal With Temptation" which you wrote during the first World War is entirely out of print and they were not even able to tell me where I might find a single copy. Because I do not know of anyother approach to make, which would spare you the annoyance, I am ssking if you have a duplicate copy of this pamphlet or can tell me where one might be found.

With gratitude for what your writings have meant to me and with every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Martin

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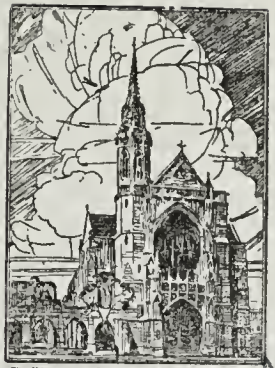

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Margaret and I were greatly helped by your address last evening - at the Seminary. You made your get away before we could reach you. May our Heavenly Father sustain you is our prayer

Affectionately
Ray Anderson

4/29/42

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

S/

MRS. EDWARD T. WILKINSON
99 MIDLAND AVENUE
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

April 29th 1942

My dear Mr Speer,

I hope that you will pardon my writing you but ever since I visited Mr George C. Stebbins at 83 High St. Catskill. N. Y last fall, I have tried to get up courage to write you a letter.

Mr Wilkinson and I usually get up to see "Uncle George" once a year and when he lived in Brooklyn we used to have him in our home for a week every spring but since he lost his house there and has had to make his home with his 80 some odd year sister in

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tskill, it is a little harder for us get up to see him

He is now 96 years of age and is quite wonderful except very, very deaf. Now, each time we see him he loves to recall his post and he spoke very lovingly of you and especially last fall. Nothing pleases him more than to hear from his friends and I thought if it would not inconvenience you too much he would be so thrilled to get a note from you

This has been on my mind

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d as I feel he is nearing "the
meet" I would like to have him
t that - happiness. However, I
ould not want him to know, I
ave written you, because, he
s so modest and would feel
that was not right of me to do.

Perhaps not — and if so
forgive me — and please do
not feel this letter need an
answer. We have heard you
preach and know you are
the same kind of a "saint"
as George C. Stebbins. May God
Bless you

Sincerely
(Mrs. E. T.) Anna C. Wilkinson

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OSS H. STOVER, Pastor

May 5th, 1942

The Rev. Robert Speer, D.D.,
347 Madison Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer,

I would love to have you come to our Church on one of the Sundays of July or August and preach for us morning and evening.

We broadcast the morning service and I am sure the people of Philadelphia as well as our great audience would be blessed by your timely message.

We have assistant pastors who carry on the service.

While remuneration means nothing to you, yet we give $50. for the day, so that all expense might be met.

You have always been one of my heros and I would like very much for all our people to enjoy your presence and your message.

Could I hear from you by return mail? You may address me here at my home--6409 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Here's my hand and happy smile.

Most sincerely,
Your Friend and Brother

Ross H. Stover

RHS/EO

2118 Bancroft Place,
Washington, D.C.,
May 6, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

What nice you think of me for allowing not a time to go by before thanking you for your note of Apr. 10th which we very much appreciated even if we may not have seemed to. Faith & I are both very busy in the Church here and we have been overwhelmed with correspondence. Every day the letters still come. Many of them are from various synagogues, Church Bulletins, etc. asking for permission to use our John poem, and we have received a large number of requests to be allowed to set it to music. Recently I received thirteen letters from school children in California.

The way this poem has touched the hearts of young & old, distinguished writers & poets as well as the unlettered has been a very great comfort to us making us feel that he did not die in vain. Hermann Hagedorn, who you may have known when he was a student at Hill, is now writing a book about John which will probably be published by Macmillan this fall. We hope it will be a help to many young men & women

who are at sea about their faith. Our boy lost
his bearings when he came to this country & gave
up his Christianity for a while. But when he
decided to enter the Canadian Army he came
back to God & the Church. His decision to enlist
came out of the very best in the boy & when
soon this we took it as the will of God &
not regret our decision for the results of it
fine with him in every way. He was glor
happy — all his letters to us show that &
was the impression of his friends in England.
One of his best friends, a Master at Rugby, so
him in London wrote us after seeing the
of his death in the Times that John had had a
intuition that something was going to happ
to him but was still gloriously happy &
unafraid. But even though we are
unreasonably grateful to God for him never
we long for him as I know you understand
It makes the other side so real.

Always affectionately & gratefully,

Emily Hoppe

P.S. I'm sending a poem, and a beautiful drawing of a "Spitfire" in the clouds & a picture of him taken by the Canadian Government to every AIR Training Center in the

First Presbyterian Church

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MINISTER
rge Esdras Bevans
5 QUINCY STREET

June 12, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

We arrived home last night about ten o'clock, and one of my first occupations this morning in letter writing is to express to you again my sincere appreciation for the inspiring addresses which you delivered at our synod and synodical meetings. I thought your reminiscences of notable Christians was fascinating to hear. As you were speaking it occurred to me that such biographical sketches and human interest narratives would make excellent reading in book form. I would like to suggest the possibility of your sharing with the church the permanent record of your fellowship with some notable Christians whom you have met in the past fifty years.

Your message Thursday morning was a climax to your inspiring thought at our synod gathering; every person who heard you will be greatly benefited and encouraged to become better Christians. I purchased your recent book, "When Christianity Was New," and shall anticipate fellowship in thought with you in reading it this summer.

Again thanking you for your leadership at our synod meeting.

Yours fraternally,

George E. Bevans

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Dr.Robert E.Speer
I56 Fifth Ave.
New York N.Y.

My dear Dr.Speer,

Sometime ago before I went to Africa and while I was in Student Work there came into my hands a book entitled"One Girl's Influence".If I remember correctly,it was compiled by you.This book made a great impression upon me and I used it and recommended its use extensively. Now I have been asked to write upon a similar theme,i,e. the life of a young woman just graduated from my own College,Agnes Scott in Georgia.She was called Home three weeks after graduation.Her life,too, was radiant,wholesome,and her influence far-reaching. I can think of no suitable title for this story of her life save "Another Girl's Influence". I am writing to ask you if you would be willing for us to use that title,provided (of course) that we mentioned from whence the inspiration came. If you feel that this would not be wise,please feel free to say so quite frankly, for we are only searching for a title that would be most appropriate.

Thanking you in advance for your feelings in this matter,and with very cordial personal regards,

I am very sincerely yours,

Julia Lake Kellersberger.

(Mrs.E.R.K)

(Lest you do not place my name,my husband is the newly appointed secretary of The American Mission to Lepers.)

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R2 Box 83
Westwood, N.J.
June 15, 1942.

Pastor Robert Speer
156 - 5th Ave
N.Y. City, N.Y.

Dear Sir -

We noticed your name on the inside of a cover of one of the books written by

Albert Ludlow Kramer
Westbury, L.I. N.Y.

as one to whom Mr Kramer refers -
We have enjoyed reading all of Mr Kramers books: "The Life in the Vine,"
"I Bring You Joy" &c, &c
and would be glad to know more about him - We would like to go to Westbury sometime but it is quite a distance.

Do you know him personally?

I was in Northfield around 1909 or 1910 and heard you speak - I remember the boys show great enthusiasm and demonstrated it in a marked manner - Have always thought I would enjoy hearing you again, but rarely get to N.Y. City.

Thanking you in advance for any information with which you may favor me, I remain Sincerely yours
(Miss) Alice Diemer

Womans Synodical Society of Home and Foreign Missions
Synod of New England
818 Main St.,
So. Weymouth, Mass.,
June 20, 1942.

My dear Dr. Speer,

Mrs. Riddle has asked me to express to you the appreciation of the women of the New England Synodical society for your presence and your message at the meeting at Northfield.

We shall always remember the influence of your spirit upon those days and this dear meeting will remain in our memories as one that was different from all there because of your presence.

Our hope is that we may come to know our Master, to walk in His footsteps and reflect His spirit as perfectly

as do you.

Please excuse my delay in writing as I have been in Chicago at my daughter's commencement since the meeting at Northfield.

We wish for you many years of service yet to come.

Sincerely yours,

Laba D. Foster.

(Synodical secretary)

Long Beach. California
June. 24. 1942.

My dear Robert:

Thank you for your precious letter of loving sympathy. Yes. our dear Sons were taken in the very prime of life, each engaged in a Divinely appointed service. We do not yet understand their call to the Life Beyond. "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter".

We here need, and much desire your prayers that we may be stabilized anew in faith, submission and in victorious obedience.

Thank you for the word picture of your happy home life in the beautiful country of hills and valleys with gardens and real country privileges. I heartily wish that you might have more time to enjoy it all.

But your service in these important addresses from coast to coast is greatly needed and your loss is the church's gain.

With love and warmest greetings

Ever affectionately yours

James W. McKean.

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RED H. HOPE
SUPERINTENDENT

New York, N.Y. July 31/1942

My dear Dr Speer

The enclosed is a copy of a paper I found among Mrs Hopes papers, evidently written for her own family. Since she mentions you I thought you might be interested in reading it. Thanking you from depth of my heart for your part in our lives. You have always had a warm corner in the hearts of Mrs Hope and my self.

Sincerely
Fred Hope

Am talking to day

After graduating from college I accepted a position as a high school teacher but I sent my application to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. When some time had elapsed I received word from them that I was accepted for foreign service, but that there would be a delay of at least a year before they would have funds to send me out. They advised me to attend Moody Bible Institute in preparation, and I am so thankful that they did, for the year that I spent there has been or more use to me than all the rest of my education. It was not so much what I learned from the Bible while there as it was that I learned HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE that has been of such very great advantage to me in later years. One of the many questions on the application blank the Board had sent me was, "To which field do you prefer to go?" I started to write, "Anywhere but China or Africa." Then the thought of what Christ had done for me overcame me and shamed me, and I answered "Anywhere." While I met other young people who felt that God was calling them to certain fields, I had no such consciousness, until word came that I was appointed to Africa. Immediately I felt a calm satisfaction that I was in His will. How near I had come to eliminating Africa from the list of fields to which I was willing to go. So strong was this consciousness that Africa was where God wanted me to be that I wrote to the Board in answer to my appointment, expressing my satisfaction and my definite feeling that this was God's place for me. But a strange thing happened! This answer of mine crossed on its way to New York a letter from the Board announcing that my appointment had been changed from Africa to Japan. How puzzled I was! I could not for one moment feel satisfied with the appointment to Japan. I did not know what could have caused the change. In a day or two came a letter from Dr. Speer in answer to my last letter. He asked me point blank, "Do you still feel that Africa is the place God wants you to be?" I answered clearly that I very definitely did, and my appointment was at once changed back to Africa. A little later I had personal cause to be very thankful that my ear had been open to God's leading through those days of decision, for God brought into my life a great love, which I would have missed if I had not been listening for God's voice as my life plans were formed.

During my first year on the field I learned that a missionary's life may be full of exciting happenings. It was during that year that the engine fell through a bridge, carrying my husband into the water below with bridge timbers all about him; it was during that year that an attic floor gave way, bringing several boxes of books crashing to our floor; it was during that first year that the entire plant of the industrial school burned to the ground and school boys carried all our belongings from our house as it seemed sure that it too would go up in flames; it was during that first year that the terrible storm came which lifted the roof of the large bark church and brought it down again with a crash. This was my initiation to mission life. Most of my work has been town evangelization and Bible classes. In more recent years my Bible class work has been more and more with men. There is such a great need for this work among the men, and the missionary men are nearly always too busy for it.

By no means the lease of the many blessings God has given us is His gift of our five precious daughters. All through the years we have been protected and guided in a wonderful way. How ashamed I am that I was at first afraid to trust my life completely to Him!

I was born at Tipton, Iowa several years ago. My grammar school education was obtained in Peoria, Illinois. I do not think that I was graduated with any special honors but I remember reciting an original "poem"(!) at the closing exercises entitled, "Goodby to the dear old School." Most of my high school work was at Omaha, Nebraska, where I walked two miles to school every day and two miles home. I was graduated there in a class of one hundred and twelve. That was supposed to be a very large class although Omaha was a city of 102,000 at that time.

While I was still a little girl I attended a missionary meeting for children which made a deep impression on me. I remember that the lady who spoke said that some of us might become missionaries. While I was in high school a cousin was attending Omaha Theological Seminary in preparation for the foreign field. This recalled to my mind the meeting that had impressed me so as a child. As I thought of that meeting, I was sure the lady had asked for a decision for fireign mission service, and I was afraide that I had raised my hand, thus promising God to use my life for Him; - AFRAID, for I was not willing.

The year I graduated from high school we moved to North Dakota. Here I started to Fargo College. This was a small church college, but it stood high scholastically. Some years since, it has closed its doors, so my name appears among the graduates listed in the catalogue of Yankton College, which adopted the poor orphans whose Alma Mater had expires. I thoroughly enjoyed my college course, as well as the oratorical contests and basketball that went with it. Those were the happiest days of my immaturity. And yet, through a good part of my college course there was the persistent, nagging question in the back of my mind, "Did I promise God that I would serve Him on the foreign field?" One day the realization came to me that I need not worry at all about it, for if I had made such a promise to God He would see to it that I did not forget it. So I stopped the vain attempt to recall just what had happened at that meeting. Needless to say, God did not allow me to forget. All the sermons I heard during those years were missionary sermons, although others in the congregation may not have considered them so. To me, the one point of every sermon was, "Preach the gospel to every creature," and since there were so many to tell the news here in America, the one conclusion was that my Lord wanted me to GO.

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The United Presbyterian Church
J. T. Norbis, Minister
East Palestine, Ohio

August 10, 1942.

Rev. Robert E. Speer D.D.,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I am writing to thank you for the two splendid messages which I heard you give in the Sixth United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, yesterday. I am also wondering if you would send me the two lines from an unknown poem which Dr. Trumbull quoted in his letter to his wife after the death of their little daughter. I want to pass them on to other parents in bereavement.

Most sincerely,

J. T. Norbis

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August 17th, 1942.

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your wonderful sermon yesterday morning at the "Old First" on Christ's personal presence.

Sincerely,

James Oscar Boyd

750 Plymouth Road,
Claremont, Calif.
Aug. 25, 1942.

Dear Idol,-

For the next few centuries, I shall be preoccupied with preparing hose opaque enough for you, since by your "Declaration", ("Why couldn't you make it the significant "Ninety-four"?) I am forced to recall:

Our idol's feet are made of clay-
So stony-hearted critics say,
With scornful mockings;
My deities are glorified
Because I keep them well-supplied
With shoes and stockings.

I distinguish between the sin, which may be a disease- like elephantiasis, or the more occult, Athletes' foot- and the sinner who belongs to the foot. I also appreciate the thrill of companionship, and as I behold your roster, I am reminded of the farmer who entered his "Baalbek" in the race, for "it was wuth the fee to see him shake his bones in such company". * Probably you feel that you are going "Back to Christ",- while I feel that He is so far ahead of us, that when He says "Follow me", He knows He is leading an advance not a retreat.

All your aims magnificently express the truth of "Not failure but low aim is crime", and I am still seeking to find where you have found that He urges, when our aims are "endangered" and our objectives "imperilled," we are justified in subordinating His law to the "military victory of the United Nations".

During a trip through several towns of Southern California I heard a minister pray for our leaders, but not for those of our enemies. That recalled an incident in South India when a group of missionaries of the same denominational family, heard the apology of a smaller group, "We feel we cannot pray with you", and met it with, "Stay, just the same. We will pray for you."

You state,"those leaders betrayed vast numbers of their own people." What about conscription which was not included in the platform of either party at our national election?

Your statement,"their aim was.... to force overlords upon this world", finds an echo in this morning's headline:"Foe Reaches Gates of Grozny Oil Field."

If we are truly a democracy,did we not,through a majority, declare war as members of that Government?(Strangely enough, I am writing this on Election Day.) "United We Stand"- yet we say to ourselves,"He Gave His Dad. Will You Give a Dollar?" Are only those of us who display flags on our wind-shields,or on our lapels, American citizens? Are only those who (wear a cross) carry their Bibles Christians? More of us should (wear a cross) carry our Bibles,surely, but would we want to see the (cross) Bible pictured on the cover of three hundred different magazines, for even one week? Most of us do not want it given the availability offered by the Christian Scientists. Why? Could hypocrisy creep into our patriotism? Dr. Martin,of St. Petersburg,Fla., suggests,that"hypocrisy represents the desire for something for which one is not willing to pay the price". It is "therefore a tribute to Christians that there are hypocrites." Do we protest too much our patriotism?

Does the stand you are taking suggest a closer relationship between Church and State? Last week,I was riding in a right-hand-drive Ford-built for export- and at one traffic stop,a bright young lad called in alarm to our driver,"Mister, your wheel is on the wrong side"!! Two drivers were necessary, but the car did function! Am I that b-y-lass?

Is that honest little girl voicing your,or our,prayer,when she pleads,"Dear Jesus,make me x good-but not just yet."?

Yours fat-you-us-ly,

"Elsie" W. Conklin

Did not 1,000 sign the Ministers Peace Covenant? Where are the nine?"! ewc

Objectors On the Spot

THE Metropolitan Board for Conscientious Objectors of New York City is an unofficial body formed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, War Resisters League and other pacifist organizations to advise C.O.s on their problems and acquaint them with their status under the law. It holds office hours three evenings a week. Similar boards are functioning in other cities and are linked up with the National Advisory Board for Conscientious Objectors of which A. J. Muste is Chairman.

The following cases came before the New York Board but they are typical of cases occurring throughout the nation.—*The Editors.*

A Hobo C.O.

He had sat beside hobo fires in 44 states—and he was only 22. Too many mouths to feed at home. He had dropped out, part of that vast roving army of youth generously or adventurously on their own in depression days.

He was business-like. He would not, could not fight. He had hardly been in a synagogue since he had left home at twelve. Where did it leave him?

Why couldn't he fight? People had been too kind to him. Men who did not know him had shared their last crust. Men of all nationalities and races: Italians, Slavs, Germans, Negroes, old stock American, Cockney English. They had treated him like a brother.

Then he believed in the brotherhood of all men? His eyes lighted up with the fervor of his affirmation.

Did he know that the principle of brotherhood was the heart of the teaching of those who had founded the great ethical religions?

It had never occurred to him.

Was he familiar with Amos and Micah with their call for justice and righteousness, Isaiah with his vision of peace between the nations, Jesus with his astonishment that men should claim to love God whom they could not see when they did not love men whom they could see?

Yes, he knew all that, but he had not thought of such things in relation to his own experience.

For a few minutes, he sat there, thinking. Then the light broke. This was the heart of religion. Back of laws and ritual and creed lay something of which he was a part.

It may take an appeal to the President. It has taken long hours with local and appeal Boards. He will not fight. He is headed for a Quaker Civilian Public Service Camp.

An Objector in Khaki

He was wearing khaki. "Are you a C.O.?" the adviser asked with some hestitation.

"I don't know. That's what I came in to find out." He looked troubled and spoke with a Western accent. "These clothes are what I work in as pilot and engineer for ——— Airways. They just offered me $600 a month to pilot bombing planes to Britain and I can't do it. I love flying but I can't have anything to do with the bombing."

"Then you probably are a C.O."

"I never thought about it. My company could claim exemption for me as necessary to defense but if it means having anything to do with bombing planes I can't accept it. On the other hand, if I take the whole C.O. position and give up my salary I shall have to take my sister out of college. Have I a right to do that? Shall I claim Class II and trust that they will find some other work that I can take, or shall I try to get an engineering job in non-defense industry, or shall I claim the C.O. position and go through with it?"

"Only you can decide that. I can tell you what IV E entails, what the alternatives are, but you must make up your own mind about where you stand."

We talked for an hour about pacifism, which he was exploring for the first time, and his eyes convinced me that he understood. There is a special quality of awareness they all have in common whether they call their basis of pacifism religious, ethical or political. It doesn't take long to recognize them, often before they have quite understood themselves or learned why it is they "can't have anything to do with bombing."

The Church vs. Religion

He was a recent Yale graduate from an Episcopalian family.

"I guess it's jail for me," he said. "I've thrown overboard all my religion. I can't claim to be a religious objector, but I'm damned if I'll go into the Army."

The adviser asked the obvious question, "Why can't you go into the Army?"

The reply was a short but comprehensive survey of world history, an analysis of the last war, a summary of sound arguments showing the futility and insanity of war.

"But what does the futility matter?" pressed the adviser. The answer finally boiled down to one idea. Human life, any human life is too valuable to be thrown away.

The adviser suggested: "Some people think that the core of Jesus' teaching lies around the sacredness of human personality."

"I can see that. Jesus was right. I was brought up in the Church and know his teachings. If the Church followed him I'd be for it."

"Then actually your objection to war is based upon the teaching of Jesus."

"And back of that teaching is the interpretation I give to history. And a fellow doesn't stop being religious when he stops going to church."

"No Camps for C.O.s"

At first his Board stated they had no doubt about his sincerity as a C.O. They insisted, however, that they had no right to decide the matter. Visit to Draft Board did no good. They therefore gave him I-A and permitted an appeal. He brought his pastor to the appeal hearing and was given IV E.

He never heard from the Draft Board, although he reminded them several times that he was ready and willing to give his year of service. With an order number 26 there was no doubt that he should have been sent to camp. The Board insisted, however, that there are no camps for C.O.s, that IV E meant he was in class IV and therefore excused from service. Meanwhile other fellows at his place of business had been in camp for eight months, he had given notice and trained a new worker for his place, yet he could not go.

The adviser telephoned New York Selective Service headquarters and within 90 minutes was assured that the Board had been enlightened as to the nature of the regulations. The local Board promised to forward the necessary record to Washington and Jack will probably go to camp without further delay.

A Draft Board Comes to Us

In response to a general letter from the Metropolitan Board to local Draft Boards concerning C.O.s, a Board telephoned about the case of C——— H———. Our records revealed that he had called to consult one of the advisers several months previously. He is a Catholic C.O. who had arrived at his position independently.

A quiet, well-spoken young man, he showed clearly that he had arrived at definite convictions against war through serious thought and study. Arrangements were made for an adviser to call on the local Board to explain the law and regulations concerning C.O.s. There was a hearing before the local Board with the registrant present.

After a thorough discussion of the subject of conscientious objection, the Board questioned C——— H———, believed in his sincerity and would have classified him as C.O. but for the fact that he was helping to support his family. He was therefore given a deferred status. The local Board now understands the position of the C.O. and should be able to handle future cases without difficulty.

Litany of National Penitence

By SAN FRANCISCO GROUP OF THE F. O. R.

O THOU who are of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity, who has set before us the ideal of perfection and hast put thy law in our inward parts; O Thou who dost suffer whenever we sin—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For the sins of our nation, its militarism and reliance upon the ways of force; for our national greed, our arrogant pride, our lust for power; for always considering first our own "national interests" and being heedless of the welfare of others—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For the hatred we have fostered, for the lies we have perpetrated, for unjust treaties to which we have been a party, for enforcing our will upon other peoples, for threatening them with invasion and landing Marines upon their shores; for having acquired territory by conquest and force of arms—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For the suffering we brought upon Germany and Austria in the last war; for the mothers whom we widowed, for the children whom we orphaned, for the heartache and nameless pain we caused—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For our sins against Japan: for forcing our way into its life with gunboats; for setting the example of greatness as military might; for our insult to this people of ancient culture in passing the Oriental Exclusion Act; for threatening them year after year with naval maneuvers brought close to their shores; for our holier-than-thou condemnation of their recent policies—while at the same time we have for selfish profit supplied them with the means of destruction—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For tariff barriers and hurtful economic policies; for refusal to cooperate in world economic conferences; and for failure to build an economic order based on brotherhood and cooperation—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For our exploitation of subject peoples: for our mistreatment of the American Indian; for our sins against the Negroes in our midst; for the awful condition of the natives of Puerto Rico now under our control; for the sins of anti-Semitism among us, and our mistreatment of foreigners and aliens—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For building canon while men lack bread; for living in a world of plenty yet allowing our brothers to starve; for callous treatment of migrants, sharecroppers, and the unemployed; for despising the poorest and lowliest and lost—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

For our blindness in supposing that we might do evil and expect that good would come; for our misuse of power; for harnessing science and inventive genius to the work of destruction; for wasting natural resources; for the sin of directing our most purposive endeavor and the strength of our finest young men to the preparation for warfare—

FORGIVE US O GOD, AND HAVE MERCY UPON US WE PRAY.

SAVIOUR DIVINE, who perpetually for suffering humanity dost bear the burden, the dread relentless burden of redemption, we pray thee that we thy servants today, may with these weak hands uplift a little corner of the weight which crushes thee.

Grant that we may share in thy holy mystery of pain, thy sacrament of agony, which redeemeth the world. Give us courage of heart that we may drink with thee a little of thy cup, thy bitter cup of humiliation, of loneliness, of suffering.

Help us to see thee as thou art, incarnate in the downtrodden, in the victims of war and oppression. Give us grace in serving them to serve thee. In our loneliness and pain, if thou bestowest upon us these tokens of thy fellowship, help us to pay honestly, unstintingly and bravely our part of the great price which of old and forever thou, O our God, payest in man for man. Enoble us this day with a share in thy work of redemption. *Amen.*

If Christ Should Fly A Bombing-Plane

If Christ should fly a bombing-plane
In some war-pilot's stead,
In place of bombs he'd load his racks
With many loaves of bread.

He'd guide his plane by pity's beam
And love's world-circling ray
To where forgotten folk repeat:—
"Give us our bread this day."

There the good Christ would drop his gifts
Of merciful surprise—
His plane a shining flying cross
To all believers' eyes.

Children would shout, and mothers shed
Glad tears at such a sight.
Oh, who will fly for Christ today
On love's forbidden flight?

ALAN JENKINS.

Thomaston, Ga.,
Sept. 4, 1942.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sendin to your address under separate cover a copy of one of your books which has been in my possession for several years. If you will, please autograph it with your name and any appropriate expression which occurs to you and return it to me at your convenience, using the postage which I have enclosed for that purpose.

My wife and I heard you at Montreat Aug. 27-30 and on Sunday morning we had the privilege of speaking to you. Let me thank you again for your heart-warming and inspiring messages on encouragement, the love and unity of believers, Christ's revelation of the Fatherhood of God, and the assurance of His abiding presence. I heard you speak at Montreat 31 years ago at a YMCA conference along with Dr. Mott, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, Mr. C. K. Ober, and others.

I trust - and I believe - you will not think my request unduly presuming. Thanking you most kindly and thanking God earnestly for your long and illustrious ministry, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Richard F. Chandler

Pastor, Presbyterian Church,
Thomaston, Ga.

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Upper Montclair N J
Sept 7 1942

My Dear Rob.

This week you celebrate three quarters of a century of life and service for God and them. How much I thank God that your "bow abides in strength" and that you still use it and all your powers of mind and body in the service of Christ. My mind goes back over the 56 years I have known you and in which you have proved yourself, in so many ways, my true friend: How much you have helped me by your love, your example your witness and your spirit, you can never know; but I am your debtor in every way. You have always been wholly just and patient and with Christlike humility and self-sacrifice. Thank God your labor has not been in vain for it has been and is - in the Lord. I am rejoicing in the evidence that God

is using you today to stimulate faith
and works in multitudes of people and in
many places. He will continue to use & bless
you, I am confident.

In my loss this I do not see
you more often but this does not
separate us. You are constantly in my
thoughts and prayers.

I am busy but seem to accomplish
so little now-a-days this is truly
worth while. However my reasons
for thanksgiving to God are without
number. I know you remember me
in prayer now and again and the
"tie that binds" still holds.

May you have a blessed birthday
anniversary on the 10th - all of us
will be thinking of you especially

Faithfully and Loving Yours
Drewan.

We missed your prayer notes
this month. Do you know where you
could meet for our Day of Fellowship? Dr.
Sam has asked us to be his guests in NY

Dr

FROM Dominie Dell
MRS. PA. STEVENS SLATON, TEXAS

Sept. 7, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer,

Ever more and more I am grateful for your inspiring leadership in the Faith and Life Seminar in Dallas last January, as I realize the abiding influence of those hours with you and Drs. Barlow and Irving. Thank you again for your inquiries in regard to the biographies I asked about. Dr. Irving wrote me about them. That was early in the spring and you may have forgotten about it by now.

I am at present reading the life of Arthur T. Pierson, and came across the account of your dedication to Christ and the letter you wrote him years later. That turned my thoughts to you and I felt I must write a brief note.

The latest report is that

you will be with us again next year in our Faith and Life Seminar. This is good news to me. I shall be looking forward to next March.

And now I would like to make one last request. Do you have a picture of yourself that you would send to me? I would be overjoyed to have some likeness of you in my study, and it would mean a great deal to me.

Don Harris and I shall be waiting on the front row at the Jefferson Hotel in Dallas, March 8, next.

Sincerely yours,
J. Paul Stevens.

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Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Ever since I came to Pittsburgh from the sticks, I have taken advantage of the opportunities to hear the word of God from men like yourself who come here from time to time.

A few weeks ago I went to the service in the Sixth United Presbyterian Church, the Sunday morning you preached there. During the course of your sermon you told about the passing of Dr. Eliot, former president of Harvard University. I assumed at the time that the vision of his mother and father was that of a man of God on the threshold of his heavenly home. Later I could not believe this to be true when I remembered that Dr. Eliot was a Unitarian.

Would it burden you too much, Dr. Speer, to write me whether I misinterpreted the story? Was Dr. Eliot's vision, in your judgment, that of a man entering the Kingdom of Heaven? If you believe this to be a fact, how can you reconcile it with his unitarian faith?

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Eichelberger

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Dear Dr. Speer:-

I send you cordial greetings on the occasion of your birthday, Thursday, September the Tenth.

You are to be sincerely congratulated on the goodness of God to you through all these years. Yours has been a ministry that has been bountifully blessed to the good of multitudes. Never have you been more effective in your pulpit work than you are now, judging from the blessing you brought us at Bonclarken and Montreat.

I want to thank you in the name of our Conference at Bonclarken for the real blessing you brought us inthe addresses you gave us. It was surely a great privilege for me to hear you also at Montreat.

We hope to have you at Bonclarken next summer. It is my expectation to have a conference with Dr. Caldwell within the next month or so and after this I will likely be writing you about an engagement for next summer.

May your birthday be a most happy one and this coming year the most fruitful of all your richly productive years.

Cordially yours,

Jos. L. Grier

Jos. L. Grier

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dr

774 W. "I" St. Colton, Calif.
Sept. 8th 1942

Dear Mr. Speer:—

Day after tomorrow you will be celebrating another anniversary marking an important point in any man's lifetime if one is thinking only in terms of years, but in your case I am reminded of Chauncey Depew's reply to a reporter who asked him on his birthday how it seemed to be 94 years old — "young man, I see you are in the habit of thinking of time only in terms of the calendar" - or words to that effect. We do not think of you in that way but the Guam - Cumberland - Haldeen family are sending you our very heartiest congratulations and wishes for the happiest day possible and a year of similar days to follow.

Harriet has another week of vacation before starting on another year of High School teaching, having made a summer school start at Claremont on work toward her Master's degree. Helen was evacuated with her children in March from Hilo, T.H., where her husband has been employed for a year in the Hilo Sugar Co., and is now waiting his return to the States. Like so many other families we are thinking these days of boys in our own family and in those of our friends who are in military service, and in addition are praying for the safety of our many friends in the Orient of whom we know so little except that they are in our Father's care.

We have had the privilege this year and last of helpful and enjoyable visits from Cleland McAfee in Southern California and Mrs. Guam and I attended Synod meeting last month at Occidental, where we renewed contacts with many friends from the Orient.

With renewed affectionate greetings from our family

Chas. A. Guam

Knox Presbyterian Church Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church Morris Chapel Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Vincent Gray, Minister

Albany, Mo.

September 8-42

Dear Dr. Speer:

In the History of Platte Presbytery I constantly refers to Rev Robert E. Speer between 1855-1860 in connection with the Platte and other Churches. The Bethany Church at East of Albany was organized Sept 10 1865 Lin. Have been reading this history because celebrated Aug 16 the 100th Anniversary of the Zion Church south of here.

The purpose of this note is to congratulate you on your birthday, & tell you how much you always brought to me when I have been at things where you were and to wish you many more years of raising roses and adding so much the lives of ministers who need such spiritual. May the Dear Christ bless you on your birthday and 75

Cordially yours, Vincent Gray

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September 15, 1942
(Dictated September 14)

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Last Saturday I was in Mr. Sweeney's home and showed him the fine blurb you had written about his book and he was immensely pleased by it. It is going on the jacket with the exception of one word which I deleted, "naive", and it will stand with four other statements from John Kieran, Billy Phelps, Hermann Hagedorn and Grantland Rice. When you add Robert E. Speer to that list you really have an impressive quintette. We have deleted the other comments and these five appraisals stand out in their own majesty.

I appreciated very much what you wrote about my shifting into the Army. I worked out the arguments pro and con and the logic of the reasons against going in are obvious. I know that I am running risks in doing this; a risk to my health because, as an old sprinter, my pump is a little uncertain; a risk to my position here; and a risk financially. I had reached the place where I was willing to give it up and Connie had arrived at the point of view where she was willing to have me go. Then a letter came in from Kilpatrick, a copy of which I am enclosing; I talked to Mr. Whiteman, Chairman of the Board's Committee on Special Gifts and Annuities, and he said that if he had such an invitation, he wouldn't hesitate, that the country came first right now and that we must win the war if we are to go forward later in our foreign missions service and that he would support my request for leave of absence. This request will come up to the Board at its meeting next week. If the commission comes through, I will probably go to Hampton Roads about the first of October.

Bob Russell is trying to get back into the Navy as a Chaplain, and a number of my friends and acquaintances are going in.

I know that this is not the safe line to take, but I cannot get out of my head the fact that the country is in real danger; that I have been offered a commission in the Army which must defend our nation and win the victory that must be won for freedom all over the world; I have passed my physical examination; I can do the work which is offered; and I know the Division here can be organized to carry on in my absence. I don't believe I could stand it to go through these coming years, which are going to be very tough ones with heavy casualties, and not have some part in the battle. Army service is a real strain, especially for those of us who are not as young as we were when we ran the dashes on the deck of the "Southern Cross", but this is a risk I want to take and I know I have your

interest and sympathy and that I will have your prayers.

I am enclosing a Foreign Affairs Bulletin which gives the story of the "Gripsholm" Conference. It was a great joy to welcome the missionaries home, some of whom had been reported as hors de combat.

With love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer and for all the family, I am

Affectionately yours,

W. Reg Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/mz
Enclosure.

September 15, 1942

P.S. Yesterday evening, after this letter was dictated, I received a telegram from Washington saying that the commission as Captain had been acted upon and ordering me to report September 28th at Hampton Roads. Today the commission papers came through and I have been sworn in. I must admit I am very happy to have this chance to serve in the United States Army. I remember when we were boys together, my twin brother and I often played with paper soldiers that we had ordered from France and that were really handsome and well-made. We each had our own country and our own armies and manouvered all over the attic in the big house at Bonnie Brae. One of our ancestors, Major Ebb, fought in the Revolutionary War. He left quite an extraordinary record of service, both as a soldier and an athlete. I wanted so much to go in 1918 when my twin brother was in the Army, who also later became a Major. I remember standing in your office after I had come home to bring Connie back in the last months of 1918. The troops were marching down the avenue and I exclaimed to you, "It is hard for a young man to see them and not want to go along." You said you understood, but that we had to do the quiet work; and I stayed on in the foreign missions service. Now there is another chance and I am truly grateful for this opportunity, although I know the risks involved.

W.R.W.

REVEREND EARL PEARMAN
THE PARSONAGE
SALISBURY, CONNECTICUT

Dear Dr. Speer:

A fter a refreshing respite from my work I am back now in the thick of things and I want to express to you in behalf of all our people our deep appreciation of your coming to us last Sunday.

Wherever I go I hear folk say that the service was exalting and that they were greatly helped. We thank you so much and pray God's blessing upon you.

Please extend our good wishes to Mrs. Speer.

Faithfully yours,

Earl Pearman

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Salisbury 144
Conn
9.16.42

Dr. Speer. c/o Darison
Lakeville - Conn.

Dear Sir,

Your sermon on Sunday morning was very inspiring and I enjoyed it immensely.

You mentioned three reasons which was no doubt the source of discouragement I am unable to recall same Could you supply me with an outline of sermon as I would love to have it as a reminder of Conn.

At present I am a student at Columbia returning next Tuesday

Thank You — (Miss) M. Francis

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

9-21-42 145

Lake Mohonk Mountain House
Mohonk Lake • New York

With my greeting belated to Lord and Mrs. Rees — I wish to express my deep appreciation of the tribute to the dear late Bishop Brent as my family tell me was so eloquently given yesterday — I am the Mohonk mother and grandmother and am very sorry to have missed the service of yesterday — and having voyaged with my husband in 1928 in company with Mr. & Mrs. Batten & Dr. Batten having been

me the indulgence
of seeing my friends
at their convenience
If not now - I hope
you may be here
again ere long
and I may still
meet you - as I
could not have
thirty years since
when such a thing
of visiting was
with us -
With kind appreciation
of your sympathy
and your cheering
words -
Most sincerely yours
Ellen Smith
(Mrs. Daniel)
Excuse poor writing
of expert

ve formerly attended
your Conferences
and having been
four years with
Bishop Brentano (his
associate at the Cath-
edral at Manilla —
and so forth) — I
am especially sorry
that I have had
to leave — and have
been prevented
from seeking you —
talk of mutual
friends — If you
do not have to leave
early — perhaps you
would come to my
room — My personal
room is 201 — and
my year is one

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Each Sunday during the voyage when not in port there was religious service on the ship at 11.00 A.M. Most of the time there was a clergyman on board, but coming home from Alexandria in the absence of a minister I was asked to conduct the ship's Sunday service. On April 15th and 22nd I did so alone. On May 13th, while there was a minister who had given the service a week previous, I was again asked, but declined. Finally a compromise was effected and I conducted the service while Rev. Mr. Reed, a missionary in the Soudan, read the scripture and preached the sermon. It was rather a ticklish situation, but with a little diplomacy all passed agreeably and Rev. Mr. Reed seemed to be entirely content, as appeared the following day when on landing his parents met him on the dock. He appeared desirous for me to see them and introduced me as "the most gracious man on the ship". On all three occasions I used the morning service of the Episcopal Prayer Book with responsive readings, which occupied about twenty minutes. Then there was reading from the scriptures, and in place of a sermon I read also once from Albert W. Palmer's Christian Watchwords for Every Day Living and once from an address by Mackenzie King at Harvard College.

Sunday, April 15th, 1928.
Order of worship.

1. Hymn No. 192 in Hymnal.
2. Prayer Book, pages 5 to 11.
3. Hymn No. 209 in Hymnal.
4. Scripture, St. John, Chapter 14.
5. Reading extract from Christian Watchwords.
6. Collection for Seamans Church Institute.
7. Hymn No. 428 in Hymnal.
8. Benediction. St. Chrisostom's prayer. page 15 of Prayer Book.

Sunday, April 22nd, 1928.
Order of worship.

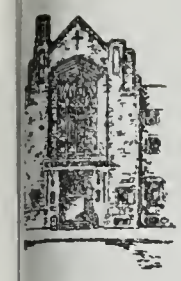
1. Hymn No. 205. Holy, Holy, Holy.
2. Prayer Book, pages 1 to 10, including Responsive Reading.
3. Hymn No. 120. Dear Lord and Father. Four verses.
4. Scripture. Ruth, Chap. 1, and Romans, Chap. 10.
5. Reading extract from Mackenzie King.
6. Collection for Seaman's Church Institute.
7. Hymn No. 248. He Leadeth Me.
8. Benediction: the ancient Hebrew blessing:- "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let his countenance shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance unto you and give you peace.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE.
SHIP PRESIDENT ADAMS.
SUNDAY SERVICE.
(Sheet No. 2.)

Sunday, May 13th, 1928.
Order of worship.

The Rev. Mr. Reed has invited me to assist in this morning devotions and I am asked, as a layman, to read the Church Service.

1. Hymn No. 240. There's a wideness in God's mercy. Verses 1-3.
2. Prayer Book, 1 to 11, including Responsive Reading.
3. Hymn No. 209. Come Thou Almighty King.
4. Scripture reading, Rev. Mr. Reed.
5. Sermon " " "
6. Collection for Seaman's Church Institute.
7. Hymn No. 450. Praise to God, Immortal Praise.
8. Benediction. St. Chrisostom's Prayer. Page 15 or Prayer Book.



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September 29, 1942

MINISTER:
/. J. CHAPMAN BRADLEY
MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, N. Y.
'EL. UNIVERSITY 4-0200

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I cannot begin to tell you how deeply appreciated your two addresses were yesterday. There was not a man present but ~~what~~ was deeply searched by your clear and forceful presentation. What you had to say was the most appropriate address for ministers I have ever heard. It will be a great pity if at some time in the future this wealth of your wisdom and experience and kindly suggestion, born out of your acute observation, and your perception of the church's need, is not made available in print. Personally, I think that address should be compulsary reading in every one of our Theological seminaries.

You may be assured that you did the men of New York Presbytery a great deal of good and it was deeply appreciated by us all.

May God bless you richly and spare you for many more years of service in His church.

Sincerely,

J. Chapman Bradley

J. Chapman Bradley, Chairman
Committee on United Promotion and Program

JCB:A

P.S. - Please advise us regarding your expenses as we are anxious to defray them. We understand you stayed over Sun. night in order to make the meeting.

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

TLAND BARTLETT
STATED CLERK

THEODORE FISKE SAVAGE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

September 30, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for making Monday a memorable day and I know that every member of Presbytery would echo this thought. A number have asked if any of this which you gave to us on Monday has been put into any printed form. I told them that I did not believe that it had been for it would seem to me that it was something which had grown out of your own rich experience and thinking and that much of it you were using in the conferences you were holding.

If you have it in any form and would ever care to have it printed, Presbytery of New York would undertake to see that this was done, for it would be most helpful to many ministers in helping them to shape their lives after the pattern of their Master, Christ. To me its helpfulness came not only from your careful thinking, but it came from the inspiration of the spirit in which you gave it.

Ever affectionately,

Maitland

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.
SYNOD OF MISSOURI
REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D. D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1122 WEST 7TH STREET TELEPHONE 2075

SEDALIA, MISSOURI
October 9, 1942.

Dear Doctor Speer:-

I said goodbye to you just two hours ago and on the way home finished collecting the ten pounds of coffee. All but four are Maxwell House. I could not find the entire ten pounds of one brand but I think it is all of the same grade. To do this little favor for you makes me very happy. I included, to fill out the box, a can of our midwest sorghum. You may not care for it but folks out this way like its peculiar taste very much. This bundle may arrive before you get home but if so I hope your wife will not be shocked by such a strange awkward package. These days I find one has to use what wrappings may be at hand.

Mrs. Waggoner was very happy to meet you again. Through many years you have been a great inspiration to us both. Now I feel that you are a personal friend. In months to come as I go along Missouri highways I shall think of your presence with me even as it has been this week. You've been a great blessing to me and my task will be easier because of the Seminars in which we've been together.

Sincerely and affectionately,

Ralph A Waggoner

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SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Oct 10-'42

Dear Dr. Speer.

When I wrote you about the Coffee yesterday I forgot to mention that Ralph Jennings and I would very much like to have the Wisdom in little cord the Carpenter gave your boy. That was a precious story to us.

I sent coffee by express. I hope it arrives O.K. and bottles unbroken. Here in is receipt from Express Co. You should receive it next Tuesday or Wednesday

Affectionately Ralph

Dr Steer, this for you.

You reached and
deeply touched
my at the time I
reached by hearing
spiritual experi-
ences at the Cleve-
land, O. Y.M.C.A.
Convention about
1901.
Today you reach-
ed deeply into my
life a second time
through the
lives of my grandchil-
dren. Thank you
Sincerely, John
Kansas City, Mo.

Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dec 16-1942

My dear Dr. Speer

I have just mailed you today under separate cover a small package of Missouri nuts. These are the kind which grow on trees, (black walnuts), not the kind we met on our highways a couple of months ago.

I hope you have some time to rest a bit and enjoy home after your much wandering with Dr. Irving.

Did you receive your sorghum O.K.? I hope it went through al right.

Allow me out this way to wish you a blessed Christmas for yourself and all those you love.

Please don't think I want to intrude in my packages and correspondence. Our little household just enjoys Christmas more if we can write letters and wrap packages — so we impose on you too.

With every good wish

Sincerely Ralph Waggoner

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October 17, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockeyledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:

Echos from your voice come from time to time but it seems a long time since I have seen you face to face. I think it is more than four years. Mrs. Innes and I speak of you and Mrs. Speer very often. Today a letter came from Fred MacMillan and in every paragraph on the whole page there was Speer, Speer, Speer. He and his brother heard you at Westminster Church in Dayton last Sunday (Sabbath) and Fred told me what a great blessing your address brought to him and how accross the years the ministery of your messages had been a tonic to his life, and I said Amen!

Fred called my attention to the fact that you are to be at the Sunday Evening Club in Chicago tomorrow evening. We will be tunning in, but if it wasn't for rubber we would be running in.

I hope that things are going well with you. Mrs. Innes and I expect to be in Philadelphia the week after next. John has been for a year in the school that he was in when a boy at Wauwau, Pennsylvania and we are going to be there to see him. If you are going to be around Philadelphia let me know and we will break bread together.

With affectionate regards,

George

George Innes

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October 19, 1942

Dr.Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Bob:

That was a wonderfully fine job you did last night, and I am so sorry it was necessary for me to run away as I did. Your heart was certainly in that message, and it reached the hearts of the hearers with a resulting good which none of us can measure, but I am sure it will be great.

I do hope somewhere and sometime today you will have an opportunity to obtain a real rest. You must remember that you are not as young as you once were, and so should take extra good care of your health. Please plan things next time so that you can make us a visit at Glen Rowan.

With gratitude and kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Clifford W. Barnes

October 19, 1942
41 Snell Hall,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.
% Presbyterian Board of
Foreign Missions,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have admired you all my student days, and hence went to the Chicago Sunday Evening Club last night with keen anticipation. What the chairman said about people all over the world was surely true in my case, namely that I identified your name with the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

Hence I am deeply disturbed at some of the implications of your address, its topic, its overtones and undertones, and some of the things said and unsaid.

I went expecting to hear the utterance of one whose heart and faith and loyalty is in the Kingdom of God as it centers in the life and teaching and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and as it has proven itself, for instance in the Missionary movement. I expected from you something that would help advance the Kingdom of God in its distinctively Christian sense - something that would reinforce our loyalty to the Church and her missionary enterprise and the preaching everywhere of the Gospel of the riches of God in Christ and the resultant plea to all men to repent and live lives consonant with that Gospel.

I hope you will forgive me if I tell you frankly that I was disappointed. It seems to me that the net result of your address was nationalistic and propagandist, and hence I cannot help wondering about your motive. I am wondering if in your <u>purpose</u> you did not fall short of the mark which your prestige and your honour as a man of Christ should have dictated for you.

The implications of your topic, of statements in your prayers,

and of references in your address to the Axis, would lead one to suppose that the 'Fight' to which you refer is, in its most conspicuous present form, the fight between the United Nations and the Axis. You implied that the United Nations cause was the side of God, and the Axis the side of the demons.

In other words you are practically denying your own thesis of the Demonic (and hence supra- political or -national or -racial) character of the fight in which the Church is engaged. In effect you throw the Church off guard against the Demonic which lurks amidst the so-called 'United Nations' as well as in the Axis camp. You are robbing the Church of her divine mission to <u>all</u> men by falsely identifying her with a particular political movement. And by asserting that one of the present two historical relativities is the cause of God you practically abandon faith in the unique redemptive mission of the Church of Christ as <u>the</u> cause of God.

Few would deny that the Christian life is in its very essence a fight. But the Christian experience is also likened to a 'fire'. Is it then legitimate to say that since crowded and dirty tenements encourage fire they are favourable to the Christian experience ? It seems to me that we have a right to expect from you as a Christian missionary that you will characterize that 'fight' in Christian terms as distinct from Hebrew or Zoroastrian or Mohammedan or purely nationalistic. Where lies the heart of the conflict as Christ pointed it out ? What is God's strategy as Christ revealed it ? What methods does He sanction, and what have proved successful ?

You ignore or sidestep these questions. But to do so is to set aside the strategy of God, and to put the Church at the mercy of the schemes of men. God forbid that His cause should be at the mercy of the planning of a Churchill or a Roosevelt or an Amery ! The world today needs a Church that is alive to the significance

of her own unique mission. And only as the Church avoids the compromise of that mission can she help the world or merit the name of Church.

It seems to me that you have helped put the light under a bushel, and I am deeply disturbed.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,

Willard Griffin Foote

Willard Griffin Foote

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U. S. A.
SYNOD OF MISSOURI
REV. RALPH A. WAGGONER, D. D., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
1122 WEST 7TH STREET TELEPHONE 2075
SEDALIA, MISSOURI

October 21, 1942.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Speer:-

Thank you for your gracious note. It made me very happy to know I had pleased you. I was a little afraid that the packing was not sufficient to keep the glass coffee jars from breaking. Tin cans are becoming more and more scarce out here. Everything possible is put up in cellaphane or glass.

I sent the sorghum at a venture and am very glad you liked it. It is one of our best brands and I picked it up at a local grocery store. Lots of it is made in Missouri and Iowa. We think there is a good swang to it. From what I learned today it will be next to impossible to order any from manufacturers direct. It has all been bought up. I can procure you some, however, in fact I have priority on four half gallon cans if you care for them. Part of it is 60¢ and part of it 57¢. If you'll tell me what quantity you desire I'll see what I can do and it will be no trouble to send it to you.

I had yesterday a delightful note from Dr. Speer. He has been to me the greatest human inspiration of the men I've known in our ministry. To be able to do some little thing that might please either of you makes me very happy.

Thank you for the reference to "This is a time for greatness". I have not seen the book but will look it up.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph A. Waggoner

REV. PAUL R. HICKOK
FOREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

26th October 1942

Robert E Speer D.D.
"Rockledge", Lakeville
Connecticut

My dear Doctor Speer :-

We have looked forward with eager and happy expectancy to your coming to us in our Diamond Jubilee and you must have felt the welcome of our people, and their response to your message. It was not only a deep joy to have you here, but your message Sunday morning sounded just the note of high resolve that we have hoped might be heard in all that may be planned for the next periods.

For me personally, there was very unusual satisfaction, and it makes another item in the big catalogue of personal obligation to you.

Mrs Hickok and I were so happy to have the evening with you in the home of Mr and Mrs Rhodes. We have known the strong friendship they have with you, covering so many years, and it was a real privilege to share such an atmosphere of love and good will. The Rhodes household have been generous and loyal to us to a marked degree in the years we have been in Forest Hill.

The enclosed check is, of course, no adequate compensation for the service given to us on Sunday, but we wish you to put it in your "Expenses Fund", which must have to be drawn upon almost constantly, with so much traveling.

Once again, our love to you, and sincere good wishes. And my special appreciation of the gracious note from Mrs Speer early last week.

Cordially yours,

Paul R Hickok

THE TABERNACLE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRTY-FOURTH AND CENTRAL
INDIANAPOLIS ~ INDIANA

ROY EWING VALE, D. D., LL. D.
MINISTER

October 28, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your bow certainly abides in strength. It was with keen anticipation that I came for the series of conferences in the Synod of Tennessee, and I came away with even greater experiences than I had expected. One of the most inspiring and altogether helpful opportunities I have had in a long time was that of hearing you in those six addresses, of which your concluding one on " True Christian Leadership " was a mountain-top climax. In that address you lifted us up to a place of new understanding. For myself let me say that you put clearly what I have vaguely been feeling after for a considerable time, and I came back with a renewed urge for my own work here.

We made extensive inquiry in Knoxville for an electric heater similar to the one you liked, but could find none at all. I am sorry; for some of us wished to place this in your hands.

Please do not take time to reply to this letter. You have many and demanding duties, and you are travelling a great deal, and should not have to use your time in mere convention. But let me say again, for whatever it may be worth, that your proclaiming and your living of our Lord Jesus Christ have across the years helped me personally more than can be put into words. Thank you, and may God bless you and your dear ones in all things.

Faithfully your friend,

Roy Ewing Vale

REV/jb

Roy Ewing Vale

Youngstown, Oct 28. 1942

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Dr Robert E. Speer
Lakeville. Conn.

This is a grand letter!
Yours
Sicy.

Dear Friend

I feel certain, that you will understand my superscription. I do not wish to place myself on one line with you, who have rendered such great service to God and man, I only use it to indicate that I feel your interest in me and in thousands of men who try to bring God's message to an erring mankind, bitterly in need of salvation.

"When the heart compells you to speak, do not keep silence" says a Dutch poet and since I feel this way I better write. I owe you a deep word of gratitude for your last address at Leroy about Jesus and his love for the open, for mountaintop, and valley and lakeshore.

I doubt whether you aimed at the Barthian theology of Dr. Haroutunian with your description of the gloominess of St Patrick's Cathedral, but to me there was a parallel which I could not escape. Barth philosophizes about the wholy-other transcendent God as a bonze who has withdrawn from a too-much-lighted world to the mystery of a cave.

f course I admit that this theology is a justified protest
gainst an immensely superficial and false modernistic
ptimism, that it may bestow a blessing upon religious
inking and life. That it is a forceful correction and at
e same time a retrenchment of orthodox theology.

All this I admit, but I wish some one would warn
e church in America that there are serious dangers and
early unavoidable evils connected with this "Crisis" theology.
For one, it does not fit the American Mind, which does not
elieve in its mystification, in its violent mood and temper, in
s maltreatment of logic and rejoicing in crash violent contradic-
ions. In its dialectic wildness and mystery, in its contrasting
ffirmations and denials, its reminds one of Wagnerian Music,
th its passion & doom. There is an affinity of spirits in the
iolence of Hitler and that of Barth, Brunner and many others
I felt unhappy, moody, critical and "ready to deny" after
Haroutunian's discourse. Then you made me walk with
ues, who stilled the turmoil, who quietly looked up and saw
love - of the ever present, ever giving God, "unchangeable in His
illingness to forgive," in the beauty of nature and the goodness
man, viz the Father in the parabals. Surely that is more like the
tality of the Gospel. The "Crisis" are in Man, not in God.

the neglect of the doctrine of "common grace" is a very serious
ult in the Barthians – and it may be the rock on which their
hip may crash.

Personally I am quite convinced that the lead which Dr. Temple
ives to Christianity and the church is a great deal more sound
d promising. Of course such a social-minded Christianity is
ngerous too, and has dangers – but it puts before the Chri
n ideals so high, so compelling, that they may come
ee themselves as still – bitterly selfish, no matter how
they think themselves to be
alistic and optimistic. This strife within may bring
m therefor to repentance and the need of God's grace.

It is all so simple – and hopeful to me. The thunder
the Barthians may impress – but – let me end with
word of another great German. "Was der Stille nicht wirkt,
ked der Rauschende nie." "And the Spirit of God
not in the Storm.

I wish you could do something to make our church
n more to Canterbury than to Barth, more to Jesus
n to Paul – altho I love Paul.

May God bless you richly and make
u walk in the light and on the sunny hilltops
His never failing Grace. Yours Most Sincerely

Gerrit Labotz

r. Spear
New York City. 7.29

ear Sir,

Many times thru
- years I have
and you talk.
New York and
metimes here in
eveland, and I've
ften remarked
myself that if
- had faith like
ms. I wouldn't
ind dying at all.
Because you will

robably know
just the place money
needed now in
n land or abroad.
am enclosing this
heck. Use it please
here you feel the
eed is greatest.
No thanks are
necessary. I happen
o have had a bit
xtra come in, and
'd like it to help
here its needed most.
Mabel Everett.

Miss Mabel L. Everett

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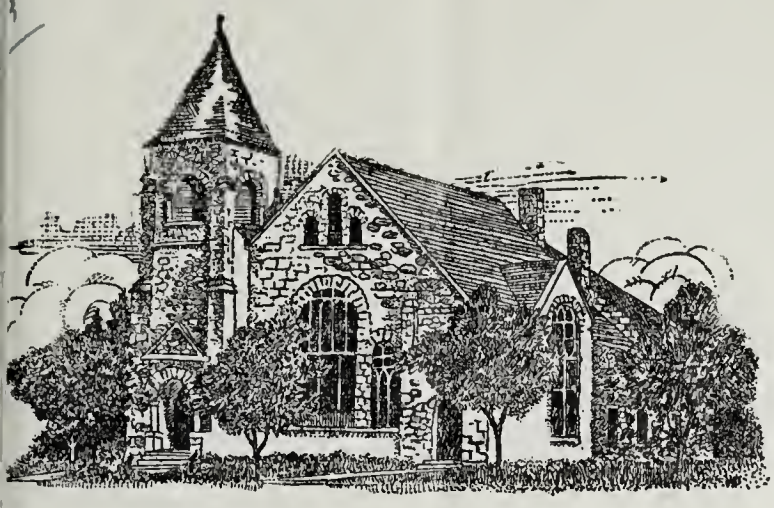


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHESTER E. WHITTIER, PASTOR
HELENA, MONTANA

MANSE:
403 N. WARREN STREET

November 18, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I want to again thank you for our Synod and for our church for your inspiring messages given to us, and for your challenging message of conviction given in the church Sunday morning.

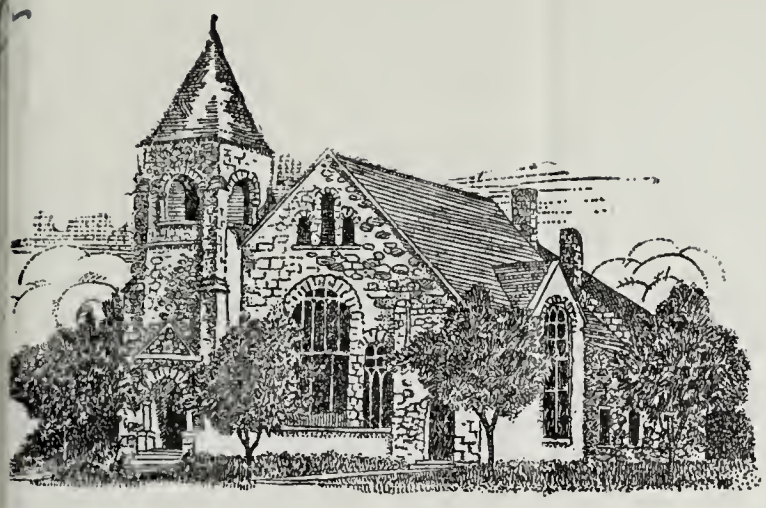
Your message in our church was the topic of some discussion in the meeting of our Board of Trustees last evening. Many of my people have expressed to me their appreciation of your service to the church, thanking me for affording them such an opportunity to hear you. One little girl told her Mother, "I could have listened to him longer." There is no question but you made a great impression upon the hearts of our people, and I am sure that the fruits of the message will be apparent in days to come. I personally am so glad that your message was of the nature that it was, for it reinforced in a powerful way, as coming from you, some things which I have tried to say. This was the comment of one of the Trustees in the meeting of which I spoke.

I meant to tell you, but neglected to, that I was sorry I made the mistake in giving the First chapter of Hebrews as the Scripture lesson, instead of the right one, the Third, in our order of service.

My study becomes more and more the Upper Room of inspiration and sacred memories as men such as yourself and Dr. Irving and my fellow ministers gather in prayer and meditation in it. The rea, actual, and abiding presence of my Lord with me becomes increasingly my experience, especially after such a helpful message as that with which you closed our Seminar - "Lo I am with you." And as He becomes an abiding companion in prayer and meditation I more frequently realize His presence in the streets and homes of our city.

Most sincerely,

C. E. Whittier



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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HELENA, MONTANA

MANSE:
403 N. WARREN STREET

November 21, 1942

Dr. R. E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is our pleasure to inform you that Board of Trustees have unanimously voted to extend their sincere thanks to you for your message to our congregation on Sunday , November 15th.

The members of the Board have all personally expressed admiration for your presentation. We believe that you strongly influenced the members of our congregation as individuals and that the work of our Church in this community has likewise benefited.

We are grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

The First Presbyterian Church

By R. A. Neill

Chairman, Board of Trustees

701 N.Greene Street
Greensboro
N.C.

December 11, 1942

Dear Robert:-

Your last letter came on Wednesday. When I gave your message to Dr. Myers he said "Your spirit is like his." Was n't that fine? It was not as fine, however, as a remark you made years ago at Montreat when some one referred to me in your presence: your words were "Lacy and I have been lovers for forty years." I shall prize those words forever.

Dr. Myers keeps up his Wednesday night prayer meeting and has an attendance of from sixty to eighty.

Since your last letter was received your dear Lady has sent me a beautiful book by John Mailliard with many inspiring thoughts, entitled "Healing in the Name of Jesus". It was lovely of her to remember me in this way.

I have found no relief from my headaches except such as has been given by ~~by~~ sedatives. My wife and I make it a subject of constant prayer but it has not seemed good to the loving Father to remove the pain. My Duke specialist does not give much hope of a cure. If my "thorn" is allowed to remain I hope I may learn to say with Paul "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

It was good to know that you had the joy of the companionship of your daughter from England with her three little children. I hope you have good news from her husband.

With constant remembrance,

Always affectionately,

Lacy

EIGHT LARCHMONT AVENUE
LARCHMONT, N. Y.

Dec.14, 1942

Dear Robert:

Lide and I are not sending out Christmas cards this year, but I charge this note with its few lines to bear to Emma and you our best love and earnest good wishes,-- and that means Constance and her fledglings also.

Your letter, with its account of your work among the ministers of the church in the west and south brought me great joy. How wide that work has been, and I doubt if any work could be more intensive and truly strategic. "They shall bring forth fruit in old age" seems not wholly to apply to you, for no one could accuse you of "old age", but another verses applies: "His leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". As I write that, I think of the Swift Diamond, the barn, tramping horses, half a dozen happy youngsters (ourselves included) lying on our backs in the hay, reciting together the First Psalm before we dropped to sleep.

My next course is at Marietta, Ohio, where they want the series on Light on the Practice of Prayer from the Example of Jesus (Jan.3-8), followed by Sunday, the 10th, in Passaic, New Jersey, where I talk to the

young people on Alpine Heights and Religious Experience, a thing I very much enjoy doing. "IF",-- there is always an "if", as the Apostle James warns: in this case, IF I get over this cold that has been hanging on me and threatening all my goings.

The young people of the church in Lakeville might need such a talk as mine for one of their lighter and yet serious evenings. In process of climbing forty of the principal Alps and nineteen of the Rockies over 14,000 ft. in altitude some things have occurred to me which interest young people, and I take no honorarium. Of course my purpose is in large part selfish in this, for I want to see the Speers!

Hoping Emma has fully recovered from her fall, and with best greetings to you all,

Yours affectionately,

John.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Somewhere in His service,
The United States of America.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

There has come to my desk a copy of GEORGE BOWEN OF BOMBAY by Robert E. Speer "with the compliments of the author" which looks most interesting and inviting to one who is compelled to stay home for a few weeks by order of the railroads and Uncle Sam's soldiers.

May I therefore take this opportunity to write my sincere appreciation of your kindness and to thank you for the remembrance of those happy days recently spent in the Intermountain Area. The reading of this book will bring back the priceless memories of a fellowship which only Christian service can bring into one's life.

Our men and women continue to express their appreciation of the Seminars and you will never know how much good God did thru our leaders to these lonely hearts. Such spiritual food will carry them thru many days of hard work and witnessing for our Lord.

With the best of the Christmas wishes to you and yours, I am,

Ever your friend,
Bill
Wm. Crosby Ross.

December 15th, 1942.

The Prophets.

They are lofty souls that stand apart, like mountain peaks remote
And the storms of fate that veil their heads cjill and restrict their throats.
But, as deep in the mountains burning heart the fires of nature glow.
'Till their pent up power rends the rocks, and the molten lavas flow,

Thes speak their truth with a burning zeal, in a message seeming veiled,
And careless thotless one who hear, say, 'The dreamers dream has Failed.
But Truth is eternal. It still shines on, Its radiant glory burns
'Till out of the Crypt its guiding light, the tide of traffic turns.

The stairless seed from The Great White Throne gathers the crimson dew
From Broken hearts and bleeding hands, -it falls and is lost to view.
Some snatched by birds, some choked by thorns, some wasted on story hill
But the Hundred fold from the fallow ground will fill The Master's storehouse fill.

They stand at last in btoken haze, as the evening light shines thru
Their lifted eyes reflect the light, to others seeming new.
Faith glimpses the ladder raised aloft, whose summit reaches heaven,
Descendiding angels bring the gifts that to martyr souls are giv'n.

Then, some grand day the Chariot comes with its steeds of flaming light,
The flesh may fall, but the ransomed soul speeds on its upward flight.
The World builds a monument where the body fell in its battle long,
But the vict'ry was won that day when the soul saw and condemned the wrong.

Compliments of
J Arthur Smith

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21st Dec 1927

s D Spees:-

"George Bowen of Bombay" arrived a few minutes ago. Thank for your generosity and courtesy. Our trip together was an inspiration and ouge to me. Your Christocentric emphasis reinforced my own conviction.

That you may have a blessed Christmas tide and that your bow ay long abide in strength is the prayer of

Yours sincerely,

James W. Clark

HUGH F. DICKSON

RHODES HAVERTY BUILDING
ATLANTA

December 22, 1942.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Merry Christmas to Mrs. Speer and your good self!

I am forever grateful for the fine influence which you have been upon my life and want you always to know that.

With great respect and high esteem.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF
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October 13, 1942.

John A. Holabird, Esq.,
333 N. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Colonel Holabird:

In reading some of Dr. Robert E. Speer's writing a day or so ago I found something which I felt sure you would be very pleased to read. I have taken it out of Dr. Speer's Text "All one Body, We" in his "Christian Realities".

I assume, of course, that you know Dr. Speer. He has been our friend for many years and one of the very great influences therein. He was, for his entire economic life, Secretary, Foreign Missions, The Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. He is now retired, living in Connecticut.

I heard Dr. Speer preach this summer, at the First Presbyterian Church, New York, and, obviously, I am the better therefor. He recited a most unusual story concerning Dr. Charles W. Elliot just prior to his passing away, which, I think, I shall retain within me until my last moment. It was a most comforting revelation from that great, sane mind.

When last in Washington I called to see if you were at tje Statler job, but was sorry that you were not. I see that it is making progress though I think I can appreciate some of the very fundamental troubles which constantly confront you in that construction.

Please rest assured of my very high esteem and earnest good wishes, always.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh D.

Speer - John's mamy's father - an outstanding architect. I hope you are, as usual. Cheered by - Hugh D.

Many years ago there was a boy named William Holabird who died in a typhoid epidemic at the Hill School. He was captain of the eleven and of the nine. He stood at the head of his class and was the leading Christian lad in the school. He was as popular as a boy could be. He had been the runner-up for the golf championship of the West the year before he died, on the threshold of what bade fair to be one of the richest lives of our day. Dr. Meigs said that in all his experience as a schoolmaster he had not met a personality rarer and finer than "Manny" Holabird. Mr. Weed, one of the masters, told me what a boy had told him long after "Manny's" death. The boy said that he was standing talking with a group of his friends. He was telling them an unclean story. Suddenly he was aware that the story would not go. There was the little group listening to him just as it had been a moment or two before. But something had happened. It seemed to the boy that his mind could not think of the rest of the story and his lips could not speak. Suddenly, turning around, he found William Holabird standing beside him. He had not seen him before, but he had felt something coming upon him that made it impossible for the unclean thing to go on. A living influence had gone out. "Gee, Mr. Weed," the boy said, "I wish you could have seen Manny look at me. It cut me like a knife!" More really indeed than if it had been a knife of steel, for the boy had felt the knife of a clear, pure, personal spirit cleave home to the core of his life.

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Dr. Robert E. Speer

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1105 Park Avenue

December 27, 42

My dear Robert,

Your note of loving sympathy were very welcome. We have been close together through so many years that I know you understand what these last days have meant to me. Fortunately there is work to be done, and in that is my comfort and strength.

With Christmas greetings

Your most faithfully

William Bullitt